

# P W PRINTS

February 2019

**[TUESDAY] Feb 5**

PTO Meeting- 6:30 @ WR  
Library

**[WEDNESDAY] Feb 6**

NAEP Assessment- Selected 4<sup>th</sup>  
Grade Students Only- More  
Information to come

**[FRIDAY] Feb 8**

Valentine's Day Parties

**[WED & THURS] Feb 13 & 14**

Parent/Teacher Conferences-  
3:00 to 7:00 PM

**[FRIDAY] Feb 15**

No School due to Conferences

**[FRIDAY] Feb 22**

Book Bingo 6:00-7:30 PM

**[MONDAY] Feb 25**

Kindergarten Round-up Parent  
Meeting- 6:00 pm @ WR Library

**[THURSDAY] Feb 28**

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Concert @ 6:00 PM  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Concert @ 7:00 PM

**[FRIDAY] Mar 1**

Kindergarten Round-up- 9:00  
AM to 11:00 AM

## Principal's Message

Hello Westridge Families,

Winters in Nebraska are always interesting. The snow, ice, and cold can make for some dangerous conditions. School closing can be an inconvenience, but the most important priority is the safety of our students, families, and staff. When school is closed, the specials schedule does not change. For example Wednesday, Jan 30<sup>th</sup> was an E day. This means that whether we have school or not Thursday, Jan 31<sup>st</sup> is still going to be an A day. No matter how many school cancellation days we have the ABC calendar online will always be correct.

We will be making up two days due to the school cancellations. We have added school on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> will be the last day of school even if there are more school cancellations. The 23<sup>rd</sup> will be a C day, and the 24<sup>th</sup> will be a D day. Those additions have been added to the online calendar.

The window to schedule Parent/Teacher conferences is now open. Directions on how to get online to schedule your conference can be found later in the newsletter. If you have any trouble get online to schedule your conference, please call the office at 402-289-2559.

Finally, we will be having our Valentine's Day parties on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Students are welcome to bring valentines for their classmates as well as a decorated box for the party. We will be having a school wide event that afternoon. Then students will have time to hand out and look through their valentines. PTO will provide a treat for students during the parties.

**Mr. Broshar**



## Westridge Elementary Mission Statement:

In an effort to create life-long learners, the staff at Westridge Elementary School working closely with parents and community strives to realize each child's fullest potential in the areas of personal, social, intellectual, emotional, and physical development.



### WHEN IS MY CHILD TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

Proper care in the early stages of an illness can reduce recovery time for the ill child and reduce the possibility of spreading the illness to others. Proper diet, adequate rest, and good personal hygiene (especially frequent handwashing) can assist the body's ability to fight infection.

The following are guidelines to assist you in deciding when your child should stay home from school:

**Irritability, poor appetite, tiredness, achiness** are vague symptoms. Changes in a child's normal behavior can often signal the beginning of an illness.

**Fever of 100 degrees or higher.** Take your child's temperature if he is complaining of feeling tired, headache, sore throat or stomach ache. **A child should be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication before returning to school.**

**Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.** Keep your child at home for the duration of these symptoms. No vomiting or diarrhea for the past 24 hours is recommended. Be sure your child is able to tolerate food without difficulty before returning.

**Nasal secretions and coughing/sneezing** spread respiratory infections easily when these symptoms can't be controlled.

**Suspected communicable conditions** such as undiagnosed rashes, pink eye, ringworm, or chickenpox. A child must be sent home until identified symptoms are evaluated and conditions for return to school are provided by a health care provider.

VNA School Nurse



2nd and 3rd grade families!

The 2nd and 3rd grade concert is on February 28th. The 2nd grade concert will start at 6:00 PM. The 3rd grade concert will start at 7:00 PM. Both concerts will be in the gym. 2nd graders need to meet at 5:45 in the music room and 3rd graders need to meet at 6:45 in the music room. Please do not arrive earlier than that time or have students stay with their families until the meeting time, since supervision will not be available until then. Please be patient between concerts as some families will be leaving and others will be settling in. Each program will be about 30 minutes long. Consider wearing your "best dress" and celebrate all the hard work the students have put into the last couple of months. Hope to see you there!

Thank you,  
Mrs. Colwin



Kindergarten Round-up is scheduled for Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. The parent meeting will be on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

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Did you know that our entire school is about to officially kick-off our Kids Heart Challenge with the American Heart Association this year? Our school is proud to partner with the American Heart Association again this year! **Last year, we participated in Jump Rope For Heart and this year we're kicking off Kids Heart Challenge!** We're excited to continue JUMPING ROPE to help those with special hearts! Yes, that's right! It's time to have some fun and learn about heart health and save lives.

On February 8<sup>th</sup>, we will officially kick off our Kids Heart Challenge event. We will learn about the Heart Heroes, how the heart works, how exercise can be fun and how raising money can save lives! If you would like to start the fun, you can register your student by [Clicking Here](#) and asking them to take one of the important health challenges.

[Click Here To Register](#)

## [SCHOOL WEBSITE HERE](#)



You can find more information about Westridge Elementary online.

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



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## Hello Westridge Families!

### Conferences Meal Items

As you all know we have conferences coming up in a few weeks and we are again asking for your help to provide a delicious meal for our teachers. We would love for you to help us by signing up to bring something the Tuesday of conferences. Please see the sign-up genius for more details and items to help with. We really appreciate your willingness to do this and the teachers sure love a yummy meal in between meeting with all of you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4dada72da7f85-february>

### Family Food Nights

greenbelly

salad.soup.sandwich.wraps.pizza

#### GREEN BELLY NIGHT

Please join us for an evening of no dishes at Green Belly  
on 1405 S 204th St ste 101, Elkhorn, NE 68022  
Monday February 11th from 4:00pm to 8:00pm.

10% of ALL sales will go back to Westridge. That's wonderful! :)

Please mention Westridge and some of the proceeds will come back to our school!

Thanks for supporting Westridge and enjoy a delicious meal.

### BOOK BINGO FAMILY NIGHT

Book Bingo is scheduled for Friday February 22nd, 2019 from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Westridge Gym. We look forward to having you for a family fun night for some BINGO fun, food and of course Books! Please refer to the information sheets that have come home for specific details! Pizza, cookies and a drink will be served! Please come out and see our "special" BINGO caller and spend an evening as a family!

### Westridge PTO Meeting

Our PTO meeting this month is **Tuesday, February 5th from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Westridge Library.** FREE childcare is provided. We hope to see you there as we discuss activities for the Spring months including our upcoming Teacher Appreciation Week and our Carnival!



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## **Parents of Current 5th-8th Grade Students**

**In recent years we have heard from parents that students are spending more and more time at home doing school work with their family computers. As part of the EPS 5-Year Instructional Technology Plan approved by the school board in October 2016, next year's 6th-8th grade students (current 5th-7th grade students) will receive an individual Chromebook for educational use next fall. In addition, all high school students will continue to receive a Chromebook next school year. Therefore, current 8th grade students will receive an individual Chromebook for educational use when they transition to 9th grade. Please note, current 8th grade students will receive a different Chromebook than the one they used during the 18-19 school year.**

**The district is finding that much of our educational content requires access to technology, and Chromebooks allow us a cost-effective way to assure that students have this access when it is needed. As part of this initiative, parents of 2019-2020 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students are encouraged to attend an orientation either during Back to School 101 or Open House in August. The exact dates for these orientations are not yet set, but the district wanted to begin communication with parents of current 5th-8th grade students. We are very excited about providing a computing device for these students next school year.**



**Westridge Elementary PreK-5**  
**Spring 2019 Conference Scheduling Directions**

Follow the directions below to get to the Parent Teacher Conference Scheduler.

**Web Address: <https://tinyurl.com/WRspringconferences>**

**Register (new users)**

1. Enter your email address and push "Login/Create Account".
2. Fill in the required fields and register.

**Sign In**

If you've previously registered, all you need to do is enter your email and password. If you have forgotten your password, you can select the Forgot Password button and a new password will be emailed to you. **For each child, enter your child's first and last name (ex: johnsmith) and birth date (ex: 12/15/2005).**

**The on-line scheduler will open up at**  
**9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 28th and**  
**close at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, February 10th.**

**Scheduling**

1. You will see a list of teachers. Select the box next to the teacher name(s) that you would like to schedule a conference with. You will then see the schedule of available times for that teacher.
2. Each colored square represents an available meeting time. The legend shows you which teacher corresponds to which color and the times increase as you go down the page.
3. **Click on a square to schedule that time.**
4. You will optionally have the choice of whether you would like an email reminder to be delivered, and you will be prompted to enter in the name of your student.
5. Click on **"Create Appointment"**.
6. Repeat until you have a time with each teacher you'd like to visit with.
  - You can click on the **"Printable Schedule"** link located on the top right corner and print the resulting web page to get a hard copy of your schedule. You will also have the option to email the schedule to yourself.
  - If you want to make changes to your schedule you can click on the **"Your Schedule"** link, OR you can login at any other time with your email and password.

**Please Note:** Specialists are also available for conferences during these times. Please feel free to stop in and visit with them during the conference days and times.

January 2019

Dear Westridge Parents & Students,

The spring parent/teacher conferences will be scheduled using an online conference scheduler, Pick-A-Time. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held **Wednesday, February 13th and Thursday, February 14th from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. each evening**. Please see the back of this letter on how to proceed with scheduling your child's time.

This is a first-come first-serve scheduling software. The online scheduler will open up at **9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 28th and close at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, February 10th**. As a result, the sooner you register the more likely you are to get your preferred time. Once you begin the process, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office (402-289-2559) or via email [aedwards@epsne.org](mailto:aedwards@epsne.org).

Sincerely,  
Ryan Broshar  
Westridge Principal  
[rbroshar@epsne.org](mailto:rbroshar@epsne.org)

# **Book Bingo Night**



**When:** Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019  
6-7:30pm

**Where:** Westridge Gym

Join us for a fun family night! We will be playing Book Bingo with a special surprise bingo caller! Every child that comes will receive a book. Pizza & cookies will be served. Please RSVP the amount of people who will be attending by Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

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**Student Name(s) & Grade Level:**

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# of children attending: \_\_\_\_\_ # of adults attending: \_\_\_\_\_



# CONGRATS

## Check out this month's TAGG winners!

**Top Classroom:** \_\_\_\_\_

Hague (2nd)

**Individual TAGGer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Maggie Celis

Help us reach our 2018-19 goal of \$2,500! We've raised \$276.72



Are you TAGGing your purchases? Every time you upload a picture of your receipt from participating businesses to the TAGG app, you are helping your school raise funds and each TAGG is entered to win!

Thanks to Jimmy John's for donating a gift card to this month's winners!

# Did you know that Westridge collects:

- Box Tops

- These come to your classroom each month for monthly classroom competitions. Bring them by the last Friday each month. It's extra helpful if you count them and write the number on the outside of the baggie. BONUS Box Tops should be bagged separately.
- Box Tops money is given to Student Council (which fully funds our school's recycling program). We have collected over \$25,000 from Box Tops over several years! Those 10 cent labels add up!
- For a list of participating products, go to:  
<https://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products>

- Aluminum Can/Pop Tabs

- Each classroom has a little Ronald McDonald House collection house to put your pop tabs in. Student Council collects these and donates to the Ronald McDonald house!

Encourage friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers to collect for you, too!  
Please contact Jodi Hague at [jhague@epsne.org](mailto:jhague@epsne.org) if you have any questions!



# District Reminders

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## SchoolMessenger Alerts

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.

If you did not receive a phone call and an email regarding our most recent School Cancellations, please reach out to your building secretary.

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 you have previously unsubscribed and would like to begin receiving emails again, please let your building secretary know.

## Digital Calendars

As a reminder, all EPS activity and event information can be found by visiting [www.elkhornweb.org](http://www.elkhornweb.org) and choosing the "Calendar" tab in the header. From there, click the building whose activities you are wanting to view.

Additionally, download the rSchool: Activity Scheduler app for easy mobile access to middle school and high school activities and events.

*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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## **WOMENADE CLOTHING DRIVE**

**It's time to clean out our closets and  
get rid of those unwanted clothes!**

Womenade of Elkhorn is once again sponsoring a **Clothing Drive for Elkhorn families in need** and we can sure use your help!

Drop off your gently used clothing items to your school between Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 2019. Due to limited storage and volunteer organizers, please drop off your items only on these dates.

Items will be hung on racks and sorted by size giving families a true shopping experience. Everything is donated from the clothes, racks, hangers, facility, marketing, and volunteer labor. That's right . . . it costs "0" dollars.

Families in need will then be invited to come and shop for FREE on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Elkhorn Teacher Training Center! They will get the first pick in the morning and then the facility will be open to the general public in the afternoon. All remaining items will be donated to other charities.

This is an amazing opportunity for Elkhorn families to help other Elkhorn families. We are happy to report that all of our elementary, middle, and high schools are participating.

If you or your children would like to help, please go to the following Signup Genius for more information:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084fafaf2ea02-womenade1>

Please contact Theresa Johnson at [mommatathome@cox.net](mailto:mommatathome@cox.net) or at 402-290-9293 with any questions.

# WESTRIDGE PTO

## November Meeting Minutes

1. **Meeting Date:** Tuesday, November 6, 2018
2. **Meeting Location:** Media Center
3. **Meeting Time:** 6:30
4. Officers in attendance: Erin Gangwish, Brenda Dangberg, Ryan Broshar, Jessica Loontjer
5. Members in attendance: Andrea Bakenhus, Kelsey Arens, Megan Scobie, Briana Holthaus, Beth Raper, Jeanne Houchin, Joe Everingham, Priti Gandhi, Laura Davidson
6. **Call to Order:** Welcome and introduce attendees
7. **Minutes:** Jackie Merryweather will review and approval of minutes from previous meeting. Motion to approve last month's meeting minutes by Priti Gandhi, seconded by Megan Scobie
8. **Officers' Reports**
  - a. Principal's Report: author visit Thursday, 11/8, Aaron Reynolds; Mid-Quarters will come home 11/14; Mitten Tree begins on 11/19; Early release 1 hour early on Wednesday before Thanksgiving; MAP testing will be in December;
  - b. President's Report:
    - i. Thank You: P/T conference meals, thanks to all who donated, thanks to all who helped with health screenings
    - ii.
  - c. Vice President's Report: GOAL meeting: someone from TeamMates would like to visit at PTO meeting; guest speaker from Carson's Cookie Fix: possible fundraiser in the future; Major Saver fundraiser coming in April, let know any ideas of what you would like to see on a coupon card for the Elkhorn area;
  - d. Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance: \$21,133.42, Ending Balance: \$32,021.66. Walk a thon income, including sponsors: \$18,100.50, expenses: \$2,652.21, Total profit: \$15,448.29. \$7,724.14 will go into Technology fund. Total Technology fund currently: \$12,967.32. Total General Fund: \$19,054.34.
9. **Committee Report**
  - a. **Directory:** Melissa McMurray
  - b. **Yearbook:** Erin Durant; please share any pictures from school events
  - c. **Teacher Appreciation:** Kelsey Arens
  - d. **Volunteer:**
  - e. **Book Bingo:** February; need a volunteer to organize
  - f. **Restaurant Night Fundraisers:** We Care Wednesday at Piezon's, 5-10pm 11/14
  - g. **Carnival:** May 3rd 5-8 pm
  - h. **TAGG:** October raised: \$95.86. School Year Total Raised: \$190.78. PreK won classroom competition again this month. October winner Priti Gandhi
  - i. **Carnival Auction:** Need organizing volunteer
  - j. **Kindness:** Kourtney Feuquay
  - k. **Hy-Vee:** Priti Gandhi
  - l. **Classroom Parties:**
  - m. **Walk-a-thon:**
10. **Unfinished Business**
11. **New Business**
  - a. **Nothing Bundt Cakes:** orders due 11/7; pick up 11/21 right after school;
12. **Announcements**

a. Spirit Wear reorders should be arriving soon

13. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn Kelsey Arens, seconded by Priti Gandhi

Committee Chairs Open

- Carnival and Auction Chair
- Book Bingo