

P W PRINTS

March 2019

[TUESDAY] **Mar 5**

PTO Meeting- 6:30 @ WR
Library

[FRIDAY] **Mar 8**

K-5th Grade Spring Pictures

[TUESDAY] **Mar 12**

5th Grade Recorder Concert @
EMS- Time TBA

[THURSDAY] **Mar 14**

Preschool Spring Pictures &
Graduation Pictures

[FRIDAY] **Mar 15**

No School- Teacher In-service

[MON-FRI] **Mar 18-22**

No School- Spring Break

[WEDNESDAY] **Mar 27**

Report Cards Sent Home

[MONDAY] **Apr 1**

District Battle of the Books

[TUESDAY] **Apr 2**

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Library

Principal's Message

Hello Westridge Families,

Hopefully the old saying that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb holds true this year. It has been a very active winter. That activity has definitely affected our regular schedules quite a bit. We appreciate your patience and flexibility in all of the rescheduling that we have had to do in the past couple of months.

March is also a time where we start gearing up for state testing. We will start testing in the first week of April. The schedule may change, but for now our schedule for state testing is:

Tuesday, April 2nd- 5th Grade Reading
Wednesday, April 3rd- 5th Grade Reading
Thursday, April 4th- 4th Grade Reading
Friday, April 5th- 4th Grade Reading

Tuesday, April 9th- 5th Grade Math & 3rd Grade Reading
Wednesday, April 10th- 3rd Grade Reading
Thursday, April 11th- 5th Grade Science

Tuesday, April 16th- 3rd Grade Math
Wednesday, April 17th- 4th Grade Math

It will be important that students get a good night's sleep and have a good breakfast on the days that they are testing. Thank you for your help in preparing our students so that they can do their best on these assessments.

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.



Visiting for Lunch

If you have a family member or friend that is wanting to come to school to have lunch with your child, but they are not listed as a contact in Powerschool, we do need you to call and notify the office. We ask all visitors to state their name and purpose for their visit when they come to Westridge. If we know ahead of time that we should be expecting a visitor to have lunch with your child, that will help us identify visitors that are coming to school. If we did not receive any prior communication, we will make a phone call to the parent/guardian to confirm the visit.



Spring Pictures

We have scheduled spring pictures for March 8th for kindergarten through fifth grade. Then preschool will have spring pictures and graduation pictures on March 14th. Picture packages will be coming home.

We are looking for a few volunteers to help with school pictures. Volunteers will help keep the flow of students moving through on picture day. They will help call more students and/or classes down and help the photographer organize the name cards. Volunteers will also receive a \$35 voucher to apply to a picture package for helping LifeTouch out!

Please use the link below to sign up if you are interested. Thank you in advance for your help.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090448afa729a5f85-picture>



You can find more information about Westridge Elementary online.

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



<https://facebook.com/ElkhornPSWR/>



@ElkhornPS_WR

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Hello Westridge Families!

Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher appreciation week is coming up March 4th-8th! The PTO will be hosting meals each day and gifting the teachers for all they do for our children. A sign up will be coming out soon and we'd appreciate any help we can get.

Here is the link if you would like to help us spoil our fabulous teachers!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4dada72da7f85-teacher2>

BOOK BINGO FAMILY NIGHT

Book Bingo is attempting to be rescheduled at this time! Please watch for upcoming communication regarding date and time for this event. We were so bummed to have to postpone it but we want our families to all be safe! :)

BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER

PTO is running another favorite fundraiser for our students this Spring. Order forms will be coming home soon with all the information you will need! We will be selling them from March 11-27 and delivery will be the weekend before Easter! Please be on the lookout for more information! :)

Westridge PTO Meeting

Our PTO meeting this month is **Tuesday, March 5th from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Westridge Library**. FREE childcare is provided. We hope to see you there as we discuss items for this spring and for PTO moving into the 2019-20 school year!



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District Reminders

Summer Enrichment Program

For the second year, EPS will host a Summer Enrichment Program, available to students in grades 1-8 for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Summer Enrichment Program will be offered in two separate week-long sessions. Session dates include: June 10-14 and July 8-12. Registration for the Summer Enrichment Program will open online on Wednesday, March 6th at 5:00 p.m.

To view the full list of course offerings, schedule, and registration information, please visit summerenrichment.elkhornweb.org.

Tech Savvy Parent Tip: Device Usage Reports

Currently, both Apple and Android provide reporting features on the usage of a device in the form of Apple's "Screen Time" report and Google's "Digital Well-Being" report. Both options provide parents with an opportunity to better understand their child's device usage, from a broad report detailing the amount of time spent on the device, down to the number of minutes spent on a specific app. In addition, both platforms also allow the ability to limit time spent on specific apps, and the ability to create downtime by setting specific times of the day where the device is unable to be used for anything other than the specific requirements you put in place.

For more information, check out Common Sense Media's breakdown of "Screen Time" and "Digital Being" by following the appropriate link below.

[Apple "Screen Time" report information](#)

[Google "Digital Well Being" report information](#)

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.

FIND US ON



Open to incoming
1st-8th grade students in the
Elkhorn Public Schools District.

Registration for all courses
opens online on
Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

Now offering 2-day
Red Cross Certified Babysitter
course!



SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

June 10-14, 2019 | July 8-12, 2019



NEVER
STOP
LEARNING

For additional information or to register,
please visit
summerenrichment.elkhornweb.org

CONGRATS

Check out this month's TAGG winners!

Top Classroom: _____

Pre-K

Individual TAGGer: _____

Beth Raper

Help us reach our 2018-19 goal of \$2,500! We've raised \$406.52



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!



Dear Participants and Parents,

Westridge Elementary is very excited to offer **Butter Braid**® pastries as our fundraising program. A **Butter Braid**® pastry is a unique and delicious homemade **frozen** pastry loaf that the customer lets rise 10-12 hours and then bakes to produce a delicious breakfast, dessert, or dinner entree.

Butter Braid® Pastries are 22 ounces in size and are available in **Eight** delicious flavors: **Cinnamon, Blueberry-Cream Cheese, Strawberry-Cream Cheese, Apple, Cherry, Raspberry, Caramel Rolls, and our NEW 4 Cheese and Herb.**

The proceeds from the sale will go towards PTO general funding. PTO helps fund fun activities, school parties, technology and other needs identified by the school. The goal is for each participant to sell 5 items. Ordering forms will be coming home with students in March.

If you need additional information about the products we are selling, visit the company website at **www.wcfundraising.com** where you will find more descriptive product details and information about your fundraising products.

The dates of our sale are listed below. Please mark the delivery date on your calendar and make sure you remember to pick up your order on delivery day.

Start Date: Mar 11, 2019

End Date: Mar 27, 2019

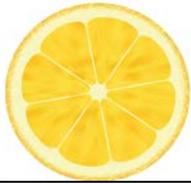
Delivery Date: Apr 10, 2019

Feel free to contact me with any questions and thanks in advance for helping make this sale a huge success.

Thank you,

Andrea Bakenhus

bakenhusa@gmail.com



WOMENADE CLOTHING DRIVE

*Community Clothing drive
benefiting Elkhorn Families*

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 11th and Thursday, March 14th 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 23rd 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: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084fafaf2ea02-womenade1>

Please contact Theresa Johnson at mommatathome@cox.net or at 402-290-9293 with any questions.



Westridge Parent Teacher Organization
3100 N 206th St, Elkhorn, NE

February 1, 2019

Dear Westridge Supporter:

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) at Westridge Elementary is organizing a Spring Carnival on Friday, May 3rd. The carnival's purpose is a fun occasion for students and family members; as well as, to become better-acquainted and foster school spirit.

Westridge is located in the heart of Elkhorn, making our students' families strong potential customers and clients for local businesses. We have over 350 students in preschool through fifth grade.

The Westridge PTO is asking for donations to use in a silent auction or raffle. We are looking for donations of gift cards, products, services, or even financial contributions. The silent auction and raffle are fundraisers and will support extra family activities, additional field trips and improved classroom technology.

Please send your tax-deductible donation to Westridge Elementary School at 3100 N. 206th Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022, by Friday, April 19th. It would be extremely helpful if you would indicate the value of the donation. Our PTO would love to assist in picking up items that are inconvenient to mail.

You are very important to us! We will proudly acknowledge, at the carnival and in our school newsletter, all businesses and individuals that have graciously supported us. Westridge PTO is a 501c(3). Each donor will receive a letter of acknowledgement, verifying receipt of your donation upon the conclusion of the carnival. That letter may be used for tax purposes.

If you have any questions, please contact me (402) 659-6495 or via email at neveringham@collectiveforyouth.org

Thank you in advance for your generous investment in our community,

Nicole Everingham,
Auction Chair

Check us out at <http://www.elkhornweb.org/westridge/>

WESTRIDGE PTO

Meeting Minutes

1. **Meeting Date:** Tuesday
2. **Meeting Location:** Media Center
3. **Meeting Time:** 6:30
4. **Call to Order:** Welcome and introduce attendees
5. **Minutes:** Jackie Merryweather will review and approval of minutes from previous meeting. Motion to approve minutes by Hayli Kenzy and second by Priti Gandhi.
6. **Officers' Reports**
 - a. **Principal's Report:** 4th grader NAPE testing on 2/6. Family circles on Thursday morning (2/7), Valentine party on Friday (2/8). Next week, Feb 13th and 14th are PT conferences from 3-7pm. Early dismissal at 2pm on both days and then no school on Friday (2/15). Kindergarten round up is on 3/1. No school for current kindergartens on this day. Kindergarten parent meeting on 2/25 from 6-7pm. The water fountain went out downstairs. It can be upgraded for \$400 to the bottle dispenser type. This will be addressed later in new business. CoGat testing coming up for 3rd grade to see if they are eligible for HALE in 4th grade.
 - b. **President's Report:** No report.
 - c. **Vice President's Report:** VP meeting cancelled due to no school day last week. Major Saver's card - they want to know what business we want to see on the card. We get 50% of the profit. They solicit the business to see if they want to be on the card. They do all the work. All we have to do is sell the cards.
 - d. **Treasurer's Report:** Started the month with 31,908.66. Ended the month with 31,848.93. We earned 49.67 in January and 406.52 in TAGG. Beth Raper was TAGG winner for Feb.
7. **Committee Report**
 - a. **Directory:** No report
 - b. **Yearbook:** No report
 - c. **Teacher Appreciation:** Erin reported they are doing 80's theme. Joe on the Go on Monday, walking tacos on Tuesday, soup and cinnamon rolls on Wednesday, pizza on Thursday. Teacher appreciation is Mar 4th-8th. Sign up genius will be going out.
 - d. **Volunteer:** No report.
 - e. **Book Bingo:** Will be held on Feb. 22nd.
 - f. **Restaurant Night Fundraisers:** The next restaurant night is Monday, Feb. 11th at GreenBelly
 - g. **Carnival:** Ashley talked about ideas for food and activities. Some ideas include hotdogs, walking tacos, face painter, having other options for the sweet walk, stick to punch card for food, set up 2 stations for punch cards.
 - h. **Carnival Auction:** Nicole provided list of potential business to solicit for donations.
 - i. **Kindness:** No report.
 - j. **Hy-Vee:** Priti is going to look into family and food nights.
 - k. **Classroom Parties:** PTO is providing Eileen's cookies and waters for the Valentine party.
 - l. **Walk-a-thon:** No Report
 - m. **Butter Braids:** They will be delivered frozen the week before Easter (4/10). We will be selling 3/11-3/27. Goal is to sell 300 overall.

9. Unfinished Business: None

10. New Business: Motion to approve \$400 upgrade of water fountain by Andrea Bakenhus and second by Jessica Loontjer. A vote was taken and all were in favor of upgrading the water fountain.

11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Ashley Holtz and second by Hayli Kenzy.