

# P W PRINTS

November 2019

[MONDAY] **Nov 4**

PTO Meeting @ 6:30 in library

[TUESDAY] **Nov 5**

Health Screens

[WEDNESDAY] **Nov 6**

Author Visit

[THURSDAY] **Nov 14**

Music Concert

4<sup>th</sup> Grade @ 6:00 PM

5<sup>th</sup> Grade @ 7:00 PM

[WEDNESDAY] **Nov 20**

Mid-quarters Due

[THURSDAY] **Nov 21**

District Spelling Bee

4:30 PM @ TTCC

[WEDNESDAY] **Nov 27**

Early Dismissal- One Hour Early

[THURS & FRI] **Nov 28 & 29**

No School- Thanksgiving Break

[FRIDAY] **DEC 6**

Westridge Movie Night

## Principal's Message

Hello Westridge Families,

Our monthly PTO meeting has been moved to MONDAY, November 4<sup>th</sup>. It will still be at 6:30 PM in the library. One of the items that will be on the agenda is our annual school data report. I will be sharing our student achievement data from the 2018-2019 school year, along with our school improvement plan based off of that data. Providing this information to our parents and families is an important part of our school improvement process. Not only is it an opportunity for our families to hear about our progress as school, it is also an opportunity for the school to get feedback from our families. I would encourage you to attend this meeting if possible. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Starting this year, Elkhorn Public Schools may consider a 2-hour late start or 2-hour early dismissal due to inclement weather. These options allow families to avoid rush hour traffic, provide additional time for streets, sidewalks, and parking lots to be cleared, and reduce the need for students to travel while it is still dark outside. The 2-hour start time for elementary will be 10:15, with students being allowed to go to classrooms at 10:10, and walking and/or reading club starting at 9:55. EKC will start at 8:00 for morning and full time EKC students. Morning preschool classes will be canceled. The 2-hour early out dismissal time for elementary will be 1:06, with no after school care or supervision. Afternoon preschool classes will be canceled. All weather-related changes will be communicated via email and phone calls. If you have any questions about these inclement weather options, give us a call at 402-289-2559.

Please remember that there is no school on November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday weekend. Also, on November 27<sup>th</sup>, we do dismiss one hour earlier than our normal dismissal time. Be sure that you have made arrangements for the early out.

**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.

**SCHOOL DAY  
HOURS  
8:10-3:06**

**Question of the Month**

**What is the question of the month?**



The question of the month is a way for parents and families to submit any questions to learn more about Westridge Elementary. All questions are anonymous and go directly to Mr. Broshar.

The idea behind this to increase communication between school and families. Chances are that if one person has a question about a policy, procedure, or an event, then there are probably many others that have the same question.

Simply click on the link below to submit your questions.

[Parent/Guardian Questions 19-20](#)



Come and enjoy a night of music from The Beatles, Elvis, and more, as the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders take you through the beginnings of rock and roll! The concert is **November 14<sup>th</sup> with 4<sup>th</sup> grade at 6:00 PM and 5<sup>th</sup> grade at 7:00 PM!** See you there!

Mrs. Colwin



You can find more information about Westridge Elementary online.

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



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## AUTHOR VISIT

The Westridge Library is SO EXCITED to announce that on Wednesday, November 6th author and illustrator Janet Stevens will be visiting our students. Janet is a New York Times best-selling author and has many highly acclaimed and awarded books. One of her newest books is up for the Nebraska Golden Sower Award next school year! She loves to encourage kids to read, write, draw, and tell stories by telling them about her childhood experiences. Janet focuses on “Where do ideas come from?” in her interactive presentation. We cannot wait to hear more about her journey to becoming a writer and illustrator. If you would like to know more about Janet Stevens and her books visit her website at <http://janetstevens.com/>. A BIG thank you goes out to our Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation for making this experience possible!



### PTO MEETING SCHEDULE

Next Meeting: Nov. 4th

Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup>



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## Elkhorn Elementary/Middle Schools Celebration of Giving Project

The Elkhorn Elementary and Middle Schools are sponsoring a Gift Drive for families within our Elkhorn community. These Elkhorn families have been identified as needing some special assistance during this time of year. We welcome the opportunity to have parents and children help build a sense of Elkhorn community, with this Giving Project.

The wish lists have been collected from the families, and the mittens will be displayed within the front foyer of each school.

If you would like to participate in this year's project, here's what you need to do:

1. Select a mitten with an item(s) that you are comfortable purchasing. (Only adults are allowed to check out a mitten).
2. Record the mitten(s) you have taken in the Celebration of Giving notebook.
3. Purchase the item(s).
4. Gift wrap the item(s) at home.
5. Firmly secure the mitten(s) to the outside of the wrapped item. This is the only way we know what is inside of the gift and who the gift belongs to.
6. Return the wrapped item to your school, no later than **Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.**

You may select a mitten(s), before and after school, starting on **November 25<sup>th</sup> – December 3<sup>th</sup>.**

Thank you so much for participating! If you have any questions please contact: Melissa McMurray [melissa.mcmurray@fbfs.com](mailto:melissa.mcmurray@fbfs.com) or Stephanie Radda [sradda@epsne.org](mailto:sradda@epsne.org)



# District Reminders

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## **SCHOOL MESSENGER - ARE YOU UP TO DATE?**

EPS uses a parent messaging system called SchoolMessenger to send emails and phone calls to parents, including information about school and activities cancellations. To ensure you are receiving important messages from your school and the District, please let the office know of any changes to your email addresses or phone numbers.

## **TECH SAVVY PARENT TIPS - SOCIAL MEDIA RED FLAGS TO LOOK FOR**

As the use of social media continues to be more frequent in adolescents, adults must remain continually vigilant in monitoring to ensure proper use of social platforms for the safety of youth.

When monitoring the social media use of a young adult, there are a few things to be on the lookout for and ways to combat them:

- 1) *Age-inappropriate content:* when using apps that feature user-generated content, users do not need to actually follow users posting explicit content in order to view it. To combat this occurrence, adults should explore the app themselves and attempt to determine how easily the information can be accessed prior to giving youth permission to use the app.
- 2) *Location Tracking and Sharing:* Apps such as Twitter, Snapchat, and Instagram have the option of allowing users to turn on their location sharing settings, making a user's location information available to others. Adults should assist in the setup of new social media apps for youth use and ensure location sharing settings are turned off in the settings to avoid sharing location information with individuals that should not have access to it.
- 3) *Anonymity:* While being anonymous doesn't always lead to cyberbullying, it certainly gives a sense of "security" to those seeking to cause harm. Apps such as Whisper and YOLO should be carefully monitored to ensure your student is neither being bullied or participating in the bullying of others.

For more tips regarding youth social media use, visit [www.commonsendmedia.org](http://www.commonsendmedia.org).

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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.

