

P W PRINTS

February 2020

[TUESDAY] **Feb 4**

PTO Meeting in the library @
6:30 PM

[FRIDAY] **Feb 14**

Valentine's Day Classroom
Parties

[WED & THURS] **Feb 19 & 20**

Parent/Teacher Conference @
3:00 to 7:00 PM

School dismisses one hour early
both days.

[FRIDAY] **Feb 21**

No School

[FRIDAY] **Feb 28**

Book Bingo 6:00 to 7:00 PM

[MONDAY] **Mar 2**

Spring Pictures

[TUESDAY] **Mar 3**

PTO Meeting in the library @
6:30 PM

[MONDAY] **Mar 9**

Teacher Appreciation Week

Principal's Message

Hello Westridge Families,

It is hard to believe that we are into February already. Spring will be here before we know it. February is a busy month at Westridge. We will be having our Valentine's Day parties on the 14th. Then we have Parent/Teacher conferences on the 19th and 20th. There is no school that following Friday, February 21st, and finally we have our Book Bingo event on Friday, February 28th. Please be sure to mark all of your calendars for these events.

We will again be having parents and families sign up for Parent/Teacher conferences online. More information about how and when to sign up is found later in the newsletter. We do ask that families work together as much as possible to sign up for only one conference time per child. If you have any questions or concerns please call the office, and we can discuss the situation. Also, please remember that on conference nights, we do dismiss from school one hour early. This allows teachers to get ready for their conferences that start at 3:00. EKC does start an hour early on those days as well, so there is coverage for your child right after school if they attend EKC after school.

For our Valentine's Day parties, we will again be having a fun school-wide activity in the afternoon on Friday, February 14th. After the school activity, students go back to their individual classrooms where they will be allowed to hand out valentines to their classmates. Please remember that if a student brings valentines to school, he/she needs to bring one for each student in his/her class. Students are welcome to bring pre-made or decorated Valentine's Day boxes. Our schedule that afternoon does not allow time for students to make their boxes here at school.

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**



February 19th & 20th from 3:00-7:00 PM
We will dismiss one hour early on both days.



You can find more information about Westridge Elementary online.

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



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



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The Parent/Teacher Organization meets the first Tuesday of each month in the library of Westridge Elementary. Meetings start at 6:30 PM. All parents, family members, and community members are welcome to attend. Childcare is provided during the meetings. We hope that you will be able to join us at our next PTO meeting!

PTO will be hosting Book Bingo again this year. 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. There is no cost for this event. Please RSVP the amount of people who will be attending by February 17th.

Below is a link for anyone that would be interested in helping out with this event. We would appreciate your help with this fun event!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044FA9A92BABFE3-book1>

PTO MEETING SCHEDULE

Next Meeting: Feb. 4th

Mar. 3rd, Apr. 7th, May 6th



District Reminders

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 Cancellation, please reach out to your building secretary.

SchoolMessenger also allows recipients 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 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.

FIND US ON



Westridge Elementary PreK-5
Spring 2020 Conference Scheduling Directions

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

Web Address: <https://tinyurl.com/2020wrspring>

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, February 3rd and
close at 11:59 p.m. on Monday, February 17th.

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 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 2020

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 19th and Thursday, February 20th 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, February 3rd and close at 11:59 p.m. on Monday, February 17th**. 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. Please note that school will be closed Friday, February 21st.

Sincerely,
Ryan Broshar
Westridge Principal
rbroshar@epsne.org



ATTENTION

PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND VISITORS

If you are taking photos or video during school hours (including class trips and events), please note these are allowed for personal use only. Videos and images should not be shared in any form without appropriate consent from the student's parent/guardian. Obtaining consent is the sole responsibility of the person taking the photos or video.

Elkhorn Public Schools is not responsible for obtaining consent or for controlling how such images are shared.

Please be respectful of all students and families in our school community by not taking or sharing photos or videos of students other than your own.

Book Bingo Night



When: Friday, February 28th, 2020
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 17th, 2020. Thank you!

Student Name(s) & Grade Level:

of children attending: _____ # of adults attending: _____

The Westridge Student Council has a kindness focus each month. Our kindness focus for this month is to donate to the Humane Society. We will be accepting items in the front lobby from Tuesday, January 21st through Friday, January 31st. Please place items in the boxes in the front lobby. Below is a list of wish items from the Humane Society's website. Thanks for your generosity.

General Items:

- Blankets - new or gently used (please wash)
- Towels - new or gently used (please wash)
- Cat toys
- Commercially-prepared catnip
- Dog toys
- Lg. and X-large Kongs
- Unopened jars of peanut butter
- Distilled water
- Yarn
- Resealable sandwich-size plastic bags
- Spray cheese for Kongs
- Small litter boxes
- Scoopable litter
- Black Sharpies
- Tied fleece blankets
- Canned pumpkin
- Mini marshmallows

Recycling Items:

- Toilet paper/paper towel rolls
- Cereal boxes
- Egg crates
- Plastic coffee crates for bats
- Empty pill bottles
- Empty Tidy Cat buckets (35 pound size)
- Empty gallon-size ice cream buckets

Items for Training:

- Clickers
- Plastic chopsticks
- Canned chicken
- Baby socks
- Motion lights
- Paper lunch bags
- Soft dog treats

WESTRIDGE PTO

January Meeting Minutes

1. **Meeting Date:** Tuesday, January 7th, 2020
2. **Meeting Location:** Library
3. **Meeting Time:** 6:30pm
4. **Call to Order:** Welcome and introduce attendees
5. **Minutes:** Erin Gangwish reviewed minutes. Jess Loontjer made a motion to approve November's meeting minutes and Kelsey Arens seconded.
6. **Officers' Reports**
 - a. **Principal's Report:** Report cards go home Friday Jan 10. It will also include Map testing scores. If you have questions, email child's teacher or Ryan. No School on Jan 20th. Math Night is Jan 23rd and registration is coming soon. Teachers have been working hard getting this ready. Kindergarten Round up is this month. Contact Andrea if you have a student you have not registered. Valentines Parties on the 14th of February. External Team dealing with school accreditation is to do a visit to Westridge on March 4th. Principal Broshar is looking for parents to participate in a conversation with the Nebraska Department of Education representatives. Email him if you are interested.
 - b. **President's Report:** Nothing specific. Will interject throughout the agenda tonight.
 - c. **Vice President's Report:** Attended goal meeting last month. Reviewed Scholarships and a new apparel company, Game Day Collections. Scholarship Selection Committee will be handled by Jess Loontjer. Jess reviewed the selection process and expressed need for a couple of committee members.
 - d. **Treasurer's Report:** Overview of the December budget expenses. Pointed out the walk-a-thon check arrived. Brings Technology total to \$27,008.57. Butter Braids was a good fundraiser in November and also brought in a total of \$2,716.50. The taxes are done. We had to file an extension. Very reasonable cost of \$850.
7. **Committee Report**
 - . **Directory:** - No updates
 - a. **Yearbook:** Candice Davis - No updates.
 - b. **Teacher Appreciation:** Kelsey Arens announced that teacher appreciation will kick off
 - c. **Butter Braids:** Andrea Bakenhus gave update during treasurer report.
 - d. **Book Bingo:** Amy Walker - February 28th - Amy is working on pizza, has a flier ready for the night and will have a signup genius ready. Books have been ordered. Some discussion of having Dairy Chef there for a fundraiser. Erin G & Jess L will look into the details and communicate with Amy.
 - e. **Restaurant Night Fundraisers:** Megan Scobie presented several upcoming options to support Westridge. Signs were not made by SignX because of personal issues and holidays.
 - January 15:** The Good Life @ the Creek 5-8 p.m. Westridge will receive 20% of the proceeds. Families MUST mention Westridge to get credit. Their Wednesday special is 1/2 lb burger and fries for \$7.25 and cheese curds for \$8.49.
 - February 6:** Backyard Playworld 5-8 p.m.
 - February 19-20:** Marco's Pizza Nights - details to come
 - g. **Carnival:** Ashley Holtz Carnival is May 1st!

- g. Carnival Auction:** Nicole Everingham: Carnival auction is April 10th to 13th, asked for committee members to help with putting on the Carnival Auction. Also mentioned that we are looking for businesses to solicit if anyone has any to add, please email Nicole.
- h. Kindness:** Kourtney Feuquay – No updates.
- i. Hy-Vee:** Brooke Burton - Collecting any last items this week for final Hyvee Cash for Kids totals. Brooke will also look into a Spring Shopping date to get a percent back from Hyvee.
- j. Classroom Parties:** Valentine's Party – Based on room discussion, it was decided that the PTO will be providing Pirates Booty and waters for the classroom parties.
- k. Walk-a-Thon:** Makayla Wentzell – Final check came in and we are signed up under the same Walk-a-thon company next year.
- l. Major Savers:** Jessica Loontjer- Starts with a kickoff on February 7th. Sale will go until Feb 18th. It was noted that the Major Saver Rep visits to pick up sold cards will be scheduled ahead of time and will consistent each day. This will minimize disruptions and help streamline visits. Jess will follow up with major Saver Reps regarding the PTO guidelines.
- 8. Unfinished Business**
- 9. New Business-** No new business was presented.
- 10. Announcements**
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- 11. Adjournment:** Megan made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kelsey Arens made a motion to second it. Meeting adjourned at 7:34.

UPCOMING DATES:

Tuesday, January 7th - PTO Meeting in the library @ 6:30 PM

Friday, January 10th Report Cards Come Home

Monday, January 13th School Board Meeting

Monday, January 20th No School- Teacher In-service

Thursday, January 23rd Westridge Math Night 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Monday, January 27th Kindergarten Round-up Parent Meeting @ 6:00 PM in the library

Friday, January 31st Kindergarten Round-up 9:00 to 11:00 AM- No classes for current kindergarten students

Tuesday, February 4th PTO Meeting in the library @ 6:30 PM

A to Z Connect

Westridge Online Directory 2019/2020

1. Go to <https://atozconnect.com/>
2. Click LOG IN in upper right hand corner
3. Click bottom where it says "sign up now"
4. Enter school zip code: **68022**, Westridge will auto populate. Fill in your email and phone



1. New screen will pop up. Fill in your home information, then move to the tab to the right. Fill in the "add parent" tab, then the "add student" tab.



2. Once done with all 3 tabs click "create account" at the bottom of the page.

Once you hit create account it will be sent to the admin for approval. Approval can take up to 2 weeks due to large volume of sign ups in the first weeks of school. Once approved you will get an email to make a password and will be allowed into the site.