

# P W PRINTS

March 2020

[MONDAY] **Mar 2**

Spring Picture Day Preschool-5<sup>th</sup>  
Grade

[TUESDAY] **Mar 3**

PTO Meeting in the library @  
6:30 PM

[MONDAY] **Mar 9**

Teacher Appreciation Week

[THURSDAY] **Mar 12**

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

[WEDNESDAY] **Mar 18**

End of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

[THURS-MON] **Mar 19-23**

No School- Spring Break

[TUESDAY] **Mar 24**

Classes Resume

[TUESDAY] **Apr 7**

K Grade Music Concert @ 6 PM  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade Music Concert @ 7 PM

[TUESDAY] **Apr 14**

PTO Meeting in the library @  
6:30 PM

## Principal's Message

Hello Westridge Families,

I hope everyone has been able to take advantage of the amazing weather we have had over the past couple of weekends. It definitely gets you in the mood for spring!

Next week we have a couple of very important events happening at school. On Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will have our regularly scheduled PTO meeting in the library at 6:30 PM. At this meeting, we will be voting on newly updated by-laws for our Parent/Teacher Organization. We will also be nominating and electing our board members for next year. Everyone is welcome to attend Tuesday's meeting and any of our PTO meeting throughout the year.

On Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, we will have three visitors on behalf of the Nebraska Department of Education coming to our school to visit with our students, parents, and staff. This is part of Elkhorn Public School's accreditation process. The accreditation process happens every five years. In previous years, Elkhorn has used a company named AdvancED. However, for this cycle the district has decided to go with the Nebraska Frameworks process for the evaluation. Many of the school systems in Nebraska have started to go with this model as well. Every Elkhorn school will have a team come out to the building to look around the school and talk with students, parents, and staff. We are very excited about this process, as it provides us an opportunity to share all of the great things that happen at Westridge and for us to get feedback from experts in the education field.

Also, spring break is from Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> through Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Classes resume on Tuesday. This is a different schedule than previous year. Please make sure that you have those dates on your calendar.

**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.



**Spring Break!!  
No School on March 19<sup>th</sup>,  
20<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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



Picture Day Heroes Needed

Picture day heroes will assist in keeping the flow moving for pictures, checking the students in for their picture, and making sure that students are photo ready. Picture day heroes will receive a \$35 voucher to apply to a picture package for helping LifeTouch out!

You can sign up by clicking on the link:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090448afa729a5f85-picture2>



You can find more information about Westridge Elementary online.

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



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



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# P W PRINTS



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!

Don't forget about Book Bingo TONIGHT starting at 6:00 PM!

## PTO MEETING SCHEDULE

Next Meeting: Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Other PTO meeting dates: Apr. 14<sup>th</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup>



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# District Reminders

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## Summer Enrichment Program

EPS will again host a Summer Enrichment Program, available to students in grades 1-12 for the 2020-2021 school year. The Summer Enrichment Program will be offered in three separate week-long sessions which includes June 1-5, June 8-12, and June 15-19. Course options, schedules, and registration information for the Summer Enrichment Program can be found at <https://www.elkhornweb.org/programs/se/>.

## TeamMates of Elkhorn Seeking Mentors

TeamMates of Elkhorn is currently seeking mentors for students in grades 3-12 interested in participating in the program. If you or someone you know is looking to make a difference in the life of an EPS student by meeting with a student once per week throughout the school year, please apply online at <http://bit.ly/2vNtESK> or contact Kara Perchal at [kperchal@epsne.org](mailto:kperchal@epsne.org).

## Tech Savvy Parent Tip - Social Media Checklist

Safer Schools Together recently published the below checklist for parents whose students utilize social media as a conversation starter and tool for on-going checking-ins.

- Have a central charging station to keep devices out of bedrooms
- Set up any social accounts with your child to ensure appropriate privacy settings
- Know passwords to all accounts
- Regularly check privacy settings, as app updates can change them frequently
- Discuss strategies of what to do if someone they don't know approaches them online
- Talk to your child about what platforms are popular and why - take a keen interest to help with open dialogue
- Discuss positive and negative uses of social media
- Be mindful of and know what VAULT apps look like
- Remind youth of the permanence and public nature of all things shared electronically
- Ensure location services are turned off for camera and social apps
- Set up and utilize Find my iPhone or Android Device Manager
- Encourage youth to create a positive digital footprint as they grow older by utilizing social media platforms appropriately

*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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# SUMMER ENRICHMENT

*INSPIRE. ENRICH. EXPAND.*

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EPS will once again offer a Summer Enrichment Program featuring inspiring courses designed to expand student experiences and enrich summer learning. Courses are created and taught by EPS certified staff members and incoming EPS students in grades 1-12 (2020-2021 school year) are eligible to participate. Sessions will be held at Westridge Elementary and Elkhorn Middle School.

## *Session Dates*

*Weekly sessions are separate and should be registered for individually.*

June 1-5

June 8-12

June 15-19

## *Registration*

Registration will open on February 10th, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

Course review and registration will take place online at

[www.elkhornweb.org/programs/se](http://www.elkhornweb.org/programs/se)

## *Course Categories include:*



*Kitchen  
Chemistry*

*Red Cross  
Babysitting*

*Tech  
Camp*

*Video and  
Photo Editing*

*Yoga*

# 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.