

Westridge Wildcat

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Principal's Message

Elkhorn Public Schools will be closed until further notice.

Please visit the Elkhorn Public School's website at

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

for more information.

Visit our Resources for Parents website for additional assistance at

<https://sites.google.com/epsne.org/elkhorntdlpparentsite/home>

Hello Westridge Families,

I know the last couple of weeks have been challenging for all of us. We are all trying to figure out what our new normal looks like. However as a school system, we still want to provide students with opportunities to continue their learning during this uncertain time. This is why Elkhorn Public Schools has created the Temporary Distance Learning Plan. This plan can be found on the Temporary Distance Learning Resources for Parents link on the District's website.

We know families will have many questions as we implement this plan. Please know that you can still reach our staff via email throughout the day Monday through Friday. You can also call the office and leave a voicemail. Voicemails are forward onto our email system. We will do our best to respond to your needs as quick as possible. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

I have also provided information for other resources that are available either through the District or in our community. We are committed to continuing to support our students and families as we continue to work through this unique and historic time.

Please take care. Stay healthy and safe. We will see all of you soon.

Mr. Broshar



Elementary

Approximate Time Frames for Learning - Including both Live Online Learning and Independent Practice

Kindergarten to Second Grades	
20-25 minutes per day	Reading (Science/Social Studies connections as appropriate)
15-20 minutes per day	Writing
20-25 minutes per day	Mathematics
20-25 minutes per day	Art, Music, and PE will provide a range of activities that continue to support the current program
Flex Learning	<p>The Flex Learning activities are intended to provide ideas for families on how to keep your child's mind engaged while they are away from school.</p> <p>Reading aloud and independent reading; Board games and challenges with math/strategy/critical thinking; Puzzles; Designing and building structures with blocks or other available materials</p>

Total Distance Learning Time: approximately 1.5 hours per day

K-2 Live Online Learning Schedule

	Day	Time	Live Online Learning Guidelines
Kindergarten	M/W	9:00-9:30 11:15-11:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live Online learning will take place twice a week for literacy and numeracy The teacher should end the meeting for all participants at the conclusion of the Live Online learning session Communicate the link to your Live Online learning classroom in advance Live Online learning should start and end on time Live Online learning should be recorded and a link to the video communicated with students who are unable to attend Teachers should establish a routine and take attendance for each Live Online learning session
1st Grade	T/TH	9:00-9:30 11:15-11:45	
2nd Grade	M/W	8:15-8:45 10:30-11:00	

The time reflected in the table includes approximately 1 hour of live online learning twice a week. The remaining learning time will be fulfilled through teacher provided activities and scheduled by families.

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Elementary

Approximate Time Frames for Learning - Including both Live Online Learning and Independent Practice

Third to Fifth Grades	
25-30 minutes per day	Reading (Science/Social Studies connections as appropriate)
25-30 minutes per day	Writing
25-30 minutes per day	Mathematics
20-30 minutes per day	Art, Music, and PE will provide a range of activities that continue to support the current program
Flex Learning	<p>The Flex Learning activities listed below are intended to provide ideas for families on how to keep your child's mind engaged while they are away from school.</p> <p>Reading aloud and independent reading; Board games and challenges with math/strategy/critical thinking; Puzzles; Designing and building structures with blocks or other available materials</p>

Total Distance Learning Time: approximately 2 hours per day

3-5 Live Online Learning Schedule

	Day	Time	Live Online Learning Guidelines
3rd Grade	T/TH	8:15-8:45 10:30-11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live Online learning will take place twice a week for literacy and numeracy • The teacher should end the meeting for all participants at the conclusion of the Live Online learning session • Communicate the link to your Live Online learning classroom in advance • Live Online learning should start and end on time • Live Online learning should be recorded and a link to the video communicated with students who are unable to attend • Teachers should establish a routine and take attendance for each Live Online learning session
4th Grade	M/W	9:45-10:15 12:00-12:30	
5th Grade	T/TH	9:45-10:15 12:00-12:30	

The time reflected in the tables will include approximately 1 hour of Live Online learning twice a week. The remaining learning time will be fulfilled through teacher provided activities and scheduled by families.



Food Resources

Bethany Lutheran Church will be distributing family food packs to Elkhorn families from 5-7 pm every Wednesday. We ask them to come to Bethany Lutheran Church and drive to the overhang entrance. The pick up will be drive through. Please stay in your vehicle and they will load the food directly into vehicles. You will be asked your last name and how many children and adults are in your household and volunteers will be wearing masks and gloves to minimize exposure. Families can come each week.

If you cannot leave your home or don't have transportation they ask that they arrange delivery by contacting this email Devance.Auel@bethanyelkhorn.org

The Divine Mercy Center and Pantry will be offering pre-bagged items for families. If you are in need of assistance, please come during our open hours. All you need to bring is a photo id. This will be a drive thru process at the doors leading to the Divine Mercy Center (this door is on the west end of our parking lot). Volunteers will be assisting with traffic flow and loading of bags into vehicles.

The pantry is open the **4th Monday of each month from 9:00am-noon and 5:30pm-7:30pm.**

If you have any questions or need assistance at another time, please contact pantry@svdpomaha.org or call the Parish Office at (402) 496-7988.

The address is [14330 Eagle Run Drive Omaha, NE 68164.](#)

Internet Connectivity Assistance

Cox - <https://www.cox.com/residential/internet/connect2compete.html>

CenturyLink - <https://www.centurylink.com/aboutus/community/community-development/lifeline.html>

FCC Lifeline Discount Program -
https://www.fcc.gov/sites/default/files/lifeline_support_for_affordable_communications.pdf

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Community Resources

Mental Health Counseling Resources - Elkhorn Public Schools contracts with Arbor Family Counseling Services to provide student and staff counseling resources. If you feel your student(s) would benefit from counseling services, please contact **Arbor Family Counseling** at 402-330-0960 or visit www.arborfamilycounseling.com.

- [Douglas County Health Department COVID-19 website](#)
- [Nebraska Family Helpline](#) ~ 888.866.8660

Safe2Help Reporting Tool

In collaboration with the Omaha Police Department, EPS utilizes Safe2Help to ensure students and families have an anonymous way to report safety or mental health concerns. Students, parents, staff, or community members can report concerns through Safe2Help via any of the following channels:

(531) 299-SAFE (7233)

www.Safe2HelpNE.org

Download the “Safe2Help” app from your app store

Found on individual building homepages



You can find more information about Westridge Elementary online.

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



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



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Technology Reminders

As our students' learning has become more heavily reliant on technology, please take a minute to review these reminders on being internet alert:

- **Double-check a site for credibility:** Before you click a link or enter your password on a site you haven't been to before, check that the site's URL matches the product or company name and information you're looking for.
- **Use secure websites:** Make sure a website's URL starts with "https://" and includes a padlock to the left of it.
- **Don't fall for scams:** If the email or site offers something that sounds too good to be true, like a chance to make a lot of money, it's almost always too good to be true. Don't fall for the fake message.
- **Remember, it can happen to anyone:** If you fall for a scam online, tell a parent, teacher, or other trusted adult right away and immediately change your passwords.
- **Common Space Usage:** Keep computers in common areas, not in individual bedrooms, to better watch and monitor use.
- **A website can't tell if there's something wrong with your device:** There are scams that may try to trick you into downloading malware or unwanted software by telling you that there's something wrong with your device.