

Westridge Wildcat

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May 2020

Principal's Message

Last day of the Temporary Distance Learning Plan is May 15th.

Summer break begins on Monday, May 18th.

Please visit the Elkhorn Public School's website at <https://www.elkhornweb.org/> for more information.

To view the Temporary Distance Learning Plan visit [TDLP Parent Site](#)

For more information on technology issues or questions visit [TDLP Parent Site- Technology](#)

Hello Westridge Families,

I have been very proud of the work that our students and teachers have been doing during this unique time in our country and around the world. We have been implementing the distance learning plan for about two months now, and overall, it has been very successful. I know our teachers are working very hard to keep students focused on their learning. I also know that students have been staying focused on completing assignments and getting work turned in to demonstrate their understanding of the learning. Please note, this plan is not successful without the support and the help of our wonderful families. You have helped us ensure that our children understand and value the importance of learning and their education. For that, I am truly thankful.

As we go into the last two weeks of the distance learning plan, please help us encourage students to finish strong. The expectations for students during live online sessions can be found in the TDLP on the Elkhorn Public Schools website. Some of these expectations include sitting at a desk or table, wearing school appropriate dress, and finding a place where students can work effectively or minimizing distractions. Again, thank you for helping us provide the best learning environment possible for all of our children.

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

Mr. Broshar



End of the Year Events

5th Grade Celebration

We will be holding a digital 5th Grade Celebration event on Friday, May 15th at 1:00 PM. All current Westridge students and their families are welcome to join us for the event. The link of the event will be posted in the 5th grade teachers' google classrooms. We hope that you will be able to join us to pay tribute and say good-bye to our students that will be moving onto middle school next year.

End of the Year Reverse Parade

We will also be holding an End of the Year Reverse Parade at Westridge Elementary on Friday, May 15th. The reverse parade will take place from 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM. Staff members will line the pick-up/drop-off loop at school. Families are welcome to drive through the loop to wave and say good-bye for the summer. For safety, please note that all students and families must be in a vehicle. No pedestrians or bike/scooters/etc. riders.

Student Material Return and Pick-up Date

Finally, on Wednesday, May 20th, we will have our student material return and pick-up event. Families will be assigned a specific time to come up to the building to return district issued Chromebooks and chargers, reading and/or math textbooks, and pick-up any remaining student supplies or belongings that are still at the building. Report cards will be also be available for pick-up with the students' belongings. If you have any medications at school, this would be a great time to pick those up as well. I will be sending the specifics of this day at a later time.

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WESTRIDGE HAS TALENT

11th Annual Talent show

This year things are looking a little different but we don't have to miss out on certain things. We will be collecting videos of your talent and compiling the best into a youtube video. This video will be shared in the Google Classrooms so you can be amazed by all of the talent on Friday May 15th.

As with all talent shows, we won't be able to show all who submitted due to time constraints. So get practicing and show us what you have. The specialists - Mrs. Albritton, Mrs. Burney, Mrs. Colwin, and Mrs. Harder will work together to select the final performers.

Here are the details

- Your video can NOT go over 1 min and 30 seconds.
- Maybe just include the chorus or best part of a song
- Make sure we can hear the music in your video
- Videos need to be submitted in mp4 format
- Parents of course can help with the editing
- Watch video before you submit to make sure you meet the details
- YES there can be more than one person in an act. However, please remember to adhere to the social distancing guidelines that are currently in affect.
- We will post in the Google Classrooms the list of students who will be featured in the video.

Submitting a video

- Videos MUST be submitted no later than **May 6th**
- Use the Google Form to submit your video and information.
 - Google Form link: [Talent Show 2020](#)
- If you have questions, please email Mrs. Colwin
 - tcolwin@epsne.org



Medications

If your child has medication at school that needs to be **picked up by a responsible adult before Friday, May 24th by 4:00 PM.** This is according to the Nebraska Medication Act guidelines.

We cannot house any medication at the school over the summer. Any remaining medication (this includes prescribed, inhalers, Epi Pens and over the counter) will be discarded according to the Federal guidelines for medication disposal if not picked up by the deadline.

KONA ICE

IS COMING!

WESTRIDGE ELEMENTARY NEIGHBORHOODS

THURSDAY MAY 7TH
STARTING AT 2PM



KLASSIC
\$3.00



KING
\$4.00



COLOR CHANGING
\$5.00



KOWABUNGA
\$6.00

Kona-Ice will be in Westridge Elementary's Neighborhoods to support the school by giving back 20% of sales to the PTO!! Social distancing precautions will be enforced. Please wait in your driveway and we will come to you!

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Food Resources

EPS Sodexo Food Services - EPS was recently approved for a waiver allowing us to begin providing free meals for children ages 1-18 in our community. In response to this waiver, beginning on Monday, April 27, 2020, free breakfast and lunch will be available to any child, ages 1-18, even if a child is not an EPS student. Additionally, adult meals will no longer be available to purchase.

Pickup will take place Monday-Thursday from 11:30-12:30 at Elkhorn High School, 1401 Veterans Drive, Elkhorn, NE 68022. Meals picked up on Thursday will include breakfast and lunch for Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

To assist with our planning, we would appreciate it if you would complete the linked survey weekly regarding the number of breakfasts and lunches you plan to pick up.

[EPS Free Meal Ordering Form](#)

Please contact lunch@epsne.org or call 402-289-0443 with questions.

[Bethany Lutheran Church](#) - For Elkhorn Public School families who are in need, family food packs are available from 5 pm – 7 pm on Wednesdays at **Bethany Lutheran Church** (4200 N 204th St, Elkhorn, NE 68022) at their center entrance. One food pack is allowed per family each week. Families will drive-through and the food pack will be brought out to their car. At that time, the name of the adult picking up and the number of children and adults will be asked only to verify residence at EPS and to track how many are being served for future food planning purposes. If you have any questions, please reach out to Devanee at 402.991.4391 or email Anne Doerr at adoerr@epsne.org.

For those families wishing to provide support, Bethany is also taking food donations from 11 am – 1 pm Mon-Sat at Bethany.

The **Divine Mercy Center and Pantry** (14330 Eagle Run Drive; Omaha, NE 68164) will be offering pre-bagged items for families on the **4th Monday of each month from 9:00am - noon and 5:30pm-7:30pm**. Please bring 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.

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.

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



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/>



@ElkhornPS_WR



District Reminders

TDLP Parent Resource Website

As a reminder, TDLP resources, district technology resources, and other information including all district-level parent communications and community resources can be found at <https://sites.google.com/epsne.org/elkhorntdlpparentsite/home>. Parent FAQs regarding using Zoom can also be found [here](#).

Last Student Day Information

As previously announced, the last student day of the 2019-2020 school year will be Friday, May 15, 2020. Please watch for information from your building principal regarding end-of-year materials drop off/pick up in the coming weeks.

For reference, the 2020-2021 calendar can be viewed [here](#).

2020-2021 Online Registration Reminder

For the 2020-2021 school year, EPS will again utilize an online registration system that will allow parents of K-12 students to log in and update information and complete all Back-to-School documents. As a reminder, to use this feature, parents/guardians will need to have a parent access account in PowerSchool.

If you do not already have a parent access account set up, please [follow this link](#) for directions on how to create an account. However, this is a preparation step, and you will not be able to complete the online registration process until July. An email will be sent out when online registration becomes available.

If you have an account created for your 4th-12th grade student(s) but need to add younger students, please follow this link for directions on adding additional children: <https://bit.ly/2wDNJuT>.

If you have any questions or concerns or need assistance setting up your account, please contact your building secretary.

Coming Soon - ClassLink Parent Portal

Starting May 4th, 2020, parents will be able to sign up and log into the EPS ClassLink Parent Portal (<https://parents.classlink.com/elkhorn>). As you may know, ClassLink is a single-sign-on platform allowing users to input their credentials (username and password) for applications, one time, for easier access.

The purpose and intent of the EPS ClassLink Parent Portal is to ease parent access during the online registration form submission process and throughout the school year. Once parents log in to the ClassLink Parent Portal, they will see the three main applications used during the back to school process: 1 - PowerSchool Parent Portal, 2 - rSchool (Athletic Registration Account Login), and 3 - School Payment Portal - Parents.

Parents will need to have their credentials available for these three applications once they sign into the EPS ClassLink Parent Portal. If you do not remember the login information for the three main back to school applications, we suggest you go to the following websites and click on their "Forgot Username or Password?" links:

- <https://elkhorn.nebps.org/public/home.html>
- <https://elkhornps-ar.rschoolday.com/oar/> (SECONDARY STUDENTS ONLY)
- <https://schoolpaymentportal.com/ConsumerLogin.aspx>

A district communication will be sent on May 4th detailing how parents can log into ClassLink and set up these three applications for use with online registration and beyond. **We highly recommend setting up the ClassLink Parent Portal in May or June to allow for easier access to critical school-related resources.**

