



# PRINTS

## February 2022

### **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.**

Dear Westridge Families,

We will be having our spring Parent/Teacher Conferences this month. Conferences will be on Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Conferences will be held from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. We will also be dismissing an hour early, 2:06 PM, both days. Please make sure that you have made plans for the early out. EKC and the bus schedule will adjust to the early dismissal time. There will be no school on Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Conferences will be scheduled online using the Pick-A-Time website. The window to schedule your child's conference will open on Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, and close on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Conference times are first come first serve. You will find the directions to signup later in the newsletter.

We will be having our Valentine's Day parties on Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Students are welcome to bring a decorative box to school in order to collect valentines from their classmates. Boxes need to be decorated at home prior to the party. Also, if students are bringing valentines to hand out to their classmates, they will need to bring one for each student in the class.

Beginning January 31<sup>st</sup>, all elementary lunch menus will be reduced to 2 options. Sodexo (our food service company) is dealing with staffing shortages therefore the change in lunch menus. Two options will continue until spring break. At that time, Sodexo will evaluate staffing shortages and communicate if they will return to 3 lunch options.

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) assessment has been rescheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Mr. Broshar  
Principal  
Westridge Elementary

[TUESDAY] **Feb 1**

PTO Meeting @ 6:30

[FRIDAY] **Feb 11**

Valentine's Day Parties

[WED & THURS] **Feb 16 & 17**

Parent/Teacher Conferences- 3:00 to 7:00 PM, Early out dismissal @ 2:06

[FRIDAY] **Feb 18**

No School

[TUESDAY] **Feb 22**

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Music Concert

[THURSDAY] **Feb 24**

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Music Concert

[TUESDAY] **Mar 1**

PTO Meeting @ 6:30

[FRIDAY] **Mar 4**

Middle School Presentation- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade only



**COVID-19 Information:**

For the latest information regarding COVID-19, please visit the EPS website at [elkhornweb.org](http://elkhornweb.org) by clicking on the following link: [EPS COVID-19 Information](#).

**Lunch Accounts:**

EPS is partnering with SchoolPay for student lunch accounts. To add funds, go to [www.schoolpay.com](http://www.schoolpay.com) and log into your user account. If you do not yet have a SchoolPay account, [instructions to create one can be found by clicking here](#). You will need your child’s five digit student ID code to set up the account.

**Family Assistance Opportunities:**

Family assistance programs are available to any of our Westridge families. If you are interested, please click on the link below to identify the different programs and indicate which programs you are interested in signing up for. [WR Family Assistance Opportunities](#)

## Recess & Lunch Times

Grade	Recess	Lunch
Kindergarten	10:25-10:45	10:45-11:05
First Grade	10:50-11:10	11:10-11:30
Second Grade	11:15-11:35	11:35-11:55
Third Grade	11:40-12:00	12:00-12:20
Fourth Grade	12:05-12:25	12:25-12:45
Fifth Grade	12:30-12:50	12:50-1:10

You can find more information about Westridge Elementary online.



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



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



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Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30.**

Please note:

- At this time, we are following EPS masking policy. We also ask that **ONLY** parents/guardians attend the meeting.

- We also ask that everyone in attendance help us maintain social distancing of at least 3ft.

We look forward to seeing you in person. Thank you for your cooperation!

Nicole Everingham  
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You can find more information about the Westridge PTO online.



<https://sites.google.com/westridgepto.org/westridge-elementary-ptopage/home?authuser=0>



<https://www.facebook.com/westridgeelkhorn/>

# Let's go for the Gold while we take the Kids Heart Challenge



The Kids Heart Challenge is sponsored by the American Heart Association. Westridge has been a part of this program (formerly Jump Rope for Heart) for almost 20 years. During that time our students have raised over \$40,000. Students can be involved in the Kids Heart Challenge without raising funds. If a student chooses to raise funds, **only ONLINE donations will be accepted**. I will be able to track student progress online so there is nothing you need to turn in at school. All prizes / thank you gifts will be distributed after the event closes on Feb 15th.

**Please see attached donation form for details on how to register online!**

## Bronze Medal

- Register for the Kids Heart Challenge online
- Take the challenge Be kind or Be Active

## Silver Medal

- Register for the Kids Heart Challenge online
- Take the challenge Be Kind or Be Active
- Complete 6 more of the 10 steps of Finn's Mission
  - Update your Kids Heart Challenge online page
  - Share a message on social media
  - Send emails to family and friends
  - Take Hands Only CPR Quiz
  - Take Stroke Warning signs quiz
  - Complete 15 minutes of physical activity with your family in a week

## Gold Medal

- Register for the Kids Heart Challenge online
- Take the challenge Be Kind or Be Active
- Complete 6 more of the 10 steps of Finn's Mission
  - Update your Kids Heart Challenge online page
  - Share a message on social media
  - Send emails to family and friends
  - Take Hands Only CPR Quiz
  - Take Stroke Warning signs quiz
  - Complete 15 minutes of physical activity with your family in a week
- Complete final 2 steps of Finn's Mission
  - Self donation
  - 1st Donation from a family member or friend

**ANY QUESTION PLEASE CONTACT MRS. BURNEY [kburney@epsne.org](mailto:kburney@epsne.org)**



### ***A Note from the Nurse...***

- If you received a **health screen referral letter** within the last few months please visit the appropriate medical professional and have them complete the bottom portion of the letter and return it to school with your child.
- Please remember to send a couple of clean face masks to school with your child each day (one to wear and one in case the other one gets dirty or breaks during the day.)
- Please notify the office if your student has had an exposure to someone with COVID-19 and follow district guidelines if your student has had an exposure or is symptomatic. We want to continue to do our best to keep our students and staff as safe and healthy as possible.
  - Here is the [☰ Response to COVID-19 Guidance\\_January 2022](#) from the Elkhorn Public Schools website.
- ***It's not too early to start scheduling your school and sports physicals!***
  - Students who will be entering **Kindergarten** in the fall or who are **new students from out of state** will need to submit a **physical exam and vision exam** (including test for strabismus, amblyopia, and acuity) dated after **February 17, 2022**, as well as a current immunization record including the Kindergarten booster shots. Here is the [Summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations](#)
  - Students entering the **7th grade** in the fall will need to submit a **physical exam** dated after **February 17, 2022** and **updated immunization record** including a **Tdap booster**.
  - Students wanting to participate in a sport at the middle school or high school must have a **sports physical** completed sometime after **May 1, 2022** and uploaded to [rschool](#). (\*\*7th graders still need to submit a physical exam to the front office as well, as these are different systems.)

***Thank you!***

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# District Reminders

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## SchoolMessenger Alerts

Both the EPS District and individual buildings 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.

## Smart Gen Society Social Media Resources

SmartGen Society, a local organization focused on bringing preventative and proactive measure to offset negative implications of social media use in youth, has created several informative resources on frequently-used apps.

Click on each link below to view the details.

[Smart Gen Social Media Planning for Families](#)

[Smart Gen Society Social Media Break](#)

[Smart Gen About TikTok](#)

[Smart Gen About Snapchat](#)

[Smart Gen About Instagram](#)

[Smart Gen About Discord](#)

For additional information about Smart Gen Society, please visit <https://www.smartgensociety.org/>

## Upcoming School Spirit Days

One of Student Council's missions is to promote school spirit. They have decided on some optional fun days to encourage students to dress in various themes. Please mark your calendars for these upcoming dates.

**Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>: Old Fashioned Day/100<sup>th</sup> Day:** Students are encouraged to dress up either as you might look if you were 100 years old or how people would have looked 100 years ago.

**Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>: Westridge Spirit Day:** Show your school spirit by wearing our Westridge/Elkhorn attire or mainly red clothing. You could also wear your Walk-a-thon t-shirt!

**Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>: Twin Day:** To celebrate "Twos-day 2-22-22", your child is invited to dress like a Twin! Have your child ask a friend to dress like their twin!

**Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>: Westridge Spirit Day:** Show your school spirit by wearing our Westridge/Elkhorn attire or mainly red clothing. You could also wear your Walk-a-thon t-shirt!

*Student Council will award the top 2 classrooms with the highest percentage of red/Westridge clothing on Westridge Spirit Days the Spirit Day trophy for the month.*

