



PRINTS

April 2023

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,

It is hard to believe that it is May already. We had another great year. I am very proud of the growth that our students have made throughout the school year. I would like to thank our PTO board for all their support and hard work this year. I would also like to thank all our parents and families for their continued support. The Westridge community is special because everyone works together to support our students. All of you make Westridge Elementary a great place to be. Thank you!

At this time, I would like to announce some of the staff changes for the 23-24 school year.

The staff members that are leaving this year include: Cydney Parsons (kindergarten), Lexi Nelson (1st grade), Becky McClanathan (5th grade), and Mia Lincoln (special education).

It is always sad to see staff members leave, but we appreciate their commitment, hard work, and the impact they have had on our students and staff. We wish all of them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Our new hires for the 23-24 school year include: Megan Bandy (kindergarten), Madison Nelson (1st grade), Christy Jensen (5th grade), and Lexi Miers (special education).

I am very excited about the new hires we have joining our team next year. Bringing in new staff members is always an opportunity to learn and grow as a staff.

Have a great weekend!
Mr. Broshar
Principal
Westridge Elementary

[Friday] **May 5**

Westridge Carnival 5:00 PM

[TUESDAY] **May 9**

PTO Meeting- 6:30 PM @ Westridge Library, Dr. Habrock will be presenting information about the District

[THURSDAY] **May 18**

Westridge Talent Show

[FRIDAY] **May 19**

Westridge Field Day

[TUESDAY] **May 23**

Westridge Awards Program

[WEDNESDAY] **May 24**

Last Day of School- 11:30 AM
Dismissal

5th Grade Celebration- 10:00 AM



Talent Show

The 14th annual Westridge Has Talent Show is May 18th. Auditions can be submitted through the Google Form link provided. You will need to include a video of you performing your talent on the form. This will act as your audition. Acts can NOT be longer than 1 minute and 30 seconds. Audition videos are due May 4 - no late submissions will be accepted! If you are performing with a friend or group, each member needs to fill out their own form. Attach the video to one of the forms. Paper forms can be requested from Mrs. Colwin. She can also answer any questions at tcowlin@epsne.org.

[Talent Show Audition Form](#)



EPS Text Messaging:

If you have not yet opted-in to receive EPS text messages, please text "Yes" to 67587 to ensure you receive timely notice of important information.

Summer Athletics and Activities Camps

Annually, EPS coaches and sponsors host summer opportunities for athletic and activity skills development by hosting camps and clinics. The list of 2023 opportunities is currently available online at <https://www.elkhornweb.org/blog/summer-athletics-and-activities-camps-3/>.

**Please note this list is only inclusive of camps and clinics hosted by EPS coaches and sponsors as related to their duties within the school district and does not include opportunities offered by outside organizations.*

Superintendent Visits

Superintendent Dr. Bary Habrock will be meeting with all EPS elementary and middle school PTO and booster groups in the coming weeks to provide an update on the District Strategic Plan. Community members are encouraged and welcome to attend any of the scheduled presentations. A schedule of Dr. Habrock's visits, listed in order of occurrence, can be found below.

School	Meeting Date	Meeting Time
Hillrise	Monday, March 27	6:30 PM
ENRMS	Monday, April 3	12:00 PM
Manchester	Monday, April 3	6:30 PM
Arbor View	Monday, April 3	7:00 PM
Blue Sage	Tuesday, April 4	6:30 PM
Skyline	Tuesday, April 4	7:00 PM
EGMS	Thursday, April 6	6:30 PM
EMS	Tuesday, April 11	7:00 PM
EVVMS	Wednesday, April 12	1:00 PM
ERMS	Wednesday, April 12	1:30 PM
Fire Ridge	Monday, April 17	7:00 PM
Sagewood	Monday, April 24	6:30 PM
WDS	Monday, May 1	6:30 PM
Spring Ridge	Monday, May 1	7:00 PM
Woodbrook	Tuesday, May 2	6:30 PM
West Bay	Tuesday, May 2	7:00 PM
Westridge	Tuesday, May 9	6:30 PM



Last Student Day Information

The last student day of the 2022-2023 school year will be Wednesday, May 24, 2023. Additional dismissal details will be provided by building principals. For reference and planning, approved calendars for future school years can be found [here](#).

2023-2024 Online Registration Reminder

For the upcoming 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, 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 to the primary PowerSchool account email address when online registration is available.

If you have an account created but need to add additional students, please follow this link for directions on doing so: <https://bit.ly/2wDNJuT>.

If you have any questions or need assistance setting up your account, please Mrs. Edwards at 402-289-2559.

You can find more information about Westridge Elementary online.



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



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



@ElkhornPS_WR



A Note from the Nurse...

- Spring often brings with it an increase in symptoms of allergies and asthma. Please monitor your child and let us know if you have any additional concerns we need to be aware of or adjustments to his/her allergy/asthma action plan.
- On **fun and field days** be sure to apply **sunscreen** to your child before he/she comes to school.

*** * It's time to start scheduling your child's 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 checks for internal and external eye health, strabismus, amblyopia, and **acuity**) dated after **February 15, 2023** as well as a current immunization record including the Kindergarten booster shots. Here is the [Summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations](#)
- 5th grade students wanting to participate in running club at the middle school next year must have a **sports physical** completed sometime after **May 1, 2023** and uploaded to [rschool](#).



*****Forms can also be uploaded to PowerSchool during the registration process in August but please click "Actual Size" or use the scan feature when uploading with a smartphone.***



******As we are nearing the end of the school year--if your student has medication in the office, please be sure to pick it up on the last day of school.******

Have a fantastic summer!

Amy Laughlin-Hardick, RN, BSN
alaughlinhardick@epsne.org

Westridge PTO March meeting minutes
Tuesday, March 7th 2023
Westridge Library
Start: 6:28pm

President call to order, motion: —Jess absent-Erica call to order, motion: Dani Hatfield
Second: Angie Madsen

Board introduction
President: Jessica Loontjer
Secretary: Megan Cain
Vice President: Nicole Everingham
Treasurer: Erica Henderson

Introduction of all attendees

Approve February minutes: Christina Griffin
Second: Claire Maliszewski

Principal's Report:
Mr Broshar

- Wednesday, March 8th
 - EMS Jazz Band and Show Choir will come to perform for all students
- Thursday, March 9th
 - 5th graders will take the 6th grade math placement test
- **NO SCHOOL**
 - Friday, March 17th
 - Teacher in-service day
 - March 20-24
 - Spring Break
- Spring Assessments
 - NSCAS (3rd-5th grade)
 - Week of April 3rd
 - 5th grade-SCIENCE
 - Week of April 10th
 - 3rd-5th grade-READING
 - Week of April 17th
 - 3rd-5th grade-MATH
 - FastBridge (K and 1st grade) and MAP (2nd-5th grade)
 - Week of April 24th
 - All grades-READING
 - Week of May 2nd
 - All grades-MATH
 - 5th grade only-SCIENCE
 - Looking for growth from fall and winter assessments to help with Building Improvement Plans

President's Report:**Jess Loontjer (absent)**

- Thank you to Mel and Allison for a wonderful Book Bingo
 - We had a great turn out and it was a successful event
- Note the May PTO meeting will be the 2ND Tuesday of the month due to Carnival
 - Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30
 - Dr Habrock, Elkhorn Schools superintendent, will be attending to share district information with us

Vice President's Report:**Nicole Everingham (absent)**

- No goal meeting to report on
- We have been asked by Elkhorn branch of Omaha Public Library if they could come to April meeting. They have these phenomenal resources that are free to families and wanted to take a few minutes to show how to access them.
 - Free tickets to museums - durham, children's, etc.
 - They have a tutor who chats in real time for homework help,
 - Free movie streaming, etc.
 - They really want to show everyone how to access it. It would be about 15 minutes at our April meeting
 - Poll of the members in attendance
 - Approved

Treasurer's Report**Erica Henderson**

- Withdrawals
 - Boyd and Charlies-PTO conference meal
 - Mrs Davidson-Book order
 - Staff appreciation week gift
 - New Bingo cards and snacks for Book Bingo
- Deposits
 - Amazon smile (will have 2 more before program goes away)
 - Picklemans-Restaurant night

Committee Reports:**-Restaurant Night:**

- Next one TBD

-Book Bingo Recap:

- Successful event with a great turnout

- Thank you to Mel and Allison for organizing and hosting event
- Thank you to all the volunteers that helped run the evening

-Staff appreciation week

- March 27th-31st
 - Snacks
 - Meal Wednesday
 - Gift
 - Breakfast
 - Desserts
- There will be a sign up genius with opportunities to bring items or help during the week
- Venmo open for monetary donations
 - Last year-Chips and Queso surprise and additional gift
 - @WestridgeElkhorn-PTO
 - Nikki will send out text reminders as well
- Students write thank you notes to teachers and staff Wednesday
- Whole school dress up as a super hero Friday (approved by Mr Broshar)
- Facebook spotlights-questions for staff

-Online Auction:

- Cristina Griffin
- April 7th-10th
- We have 35 donations already!
- Ideally she would like to have all donations in by March 27th
- Let Christina know if there is anyone she can reach out to or send a letter to for another donation

-Carnival:

- Fun services has been ordered
- If anyone has baskets they are willing to donate to be used for the raffle prize gifts, please bring them to the office

-Staff Lounge Concierge:

- Spots are open if you want to help sponsor a month
 - April and May available

Unfinished Business:

N/A

New Business:

- Kindergarten requesting \$456 for the zoo field trip
 - April 13th
 - 48 students and 3 adults
 - All parents are invited to join if they are available
 - This will go along with the kindergarten animal science project
 - Motion to approve funds: Dani Hatfield
 - Second: Christina Griffin
- Nothing Bundt Cakes
 - Reading program for students
 - If you read 400+ minutes in a month can get a free Bundtlet
 - Teacher Tuesdays
 - Teachers can get 20% off every Tuesday, must show School Badge to redeem
 - Possible fundraiser opportunities also

Announcements:

- Next meeting
 - Tuesday April 4th at 6:30
 - Budget meeting will be held before
- Spring Pictures
 - April 3rd

Motion to close meeting: Angie Madsen

Second: Kerissa Steinshouer

End time: 6:54pm