

SUPERINTENDENT BAKER RETIRING, DR. BARY HABROCK NAMED INCOMING SUPERINTENDENT

After 8 years as Superintendent of Elkhorn Public Schools and 42 years with the District, Superintendent Steve Baker will be retiring at the end of June, 2017. Transitioning into the position will be current Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Bary Habrock.

Dr. Habrock, who will begin his 18th year with the District with the 2017-2018 school year, is looking forward to working closely with all those who make the District so special. "Thank you for the trust and opportunity to serve the students, families, educators, and staff that collectively make up the Elkhorn Public Schools District. I am honored to serve," said Dr. Habrock.

While Mr. Baker is looking forward to retirement, he will miss his work with those in the District, especially the students. "Working with the students, staff and community has been a blessing. I've especially enjoyed the opportunity to observe our students' accomplishments in and out of the classroom," said Mr. Baker. "I'll greatly miss being part of the day-to-day goings on, but I leave knowing that the pathway has been paved and that continued success lies ahead for Elkhorn Public Schools," he said.



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PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES SCHEDULED

Parent-teacher conferences provide a unique opportunity for parents and teachers to share information and build mutual support vital to each child's progress in school. Also, conferences help teachers better understand all the circumstances that may impact a child's learning. All parents are encouraged to attend parent-teacher conferences Wednesday, Feb. 15 and Thursday, Feb. 16.

Elementary conferences will be scheduled through the building's principal from 3 to 7 p.m. both days. Middle school conferences will be held from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. both days, with high school conferences running from 5 to 9 p.m. All District schools will be dismissed one hour early on both days of parent-teacher conferences.

For more information, please contact your school or visit the District website at www.elkhornweb.org.



EPS NAMED TO AP HONOR ROLL FOR FIFTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

The Elkhorn Public Schools District is one of 433 school districts in the U.S. and Canada being honored by the College Board with placement on the 7th Annual AP® District Honor Roll. To be included on the 7th Annual Honor Roll, the District had to, since 2014, increase the number of students participating in AP while also increasing or maintaining the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher. Reaching these goals shows that this district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for AP.

According to Superintendent Steve Baker, "Receiving this recognition, now for the fifth consecutive year, is reflective of the culture our staff has worked to create. One of our goals is to constantly raise the academic bar for all students, and our students have consistently demonstrated that they are up to the challenge." Baker added, "Participation in AP courses and exams increases student success in college and allows students the opportunity to save in college expenses."

EPS has a K-12 enrollment of 8,400 students with two high schools and, since 2010, AP enrollment has more than tripled and the number of AP exams taken at both high schools has quadrupled. These results are credited to the increase in course offerings and the culture of rigor at EPS High Schools.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

EPS invites all children entering kindergarten in the 2017-2018 school year and their parents to the annual Kindergarten Round-Up scheduled for Friday, March 3rd.

Round-Up serves as an introduction to kindergarten and allows students to meet teachers and get familiarized with their school.

Parents are encouraged to pre-register their child by completing a form and returning it to their school office prior to Round-Up. Forms can be found on the District website. Parents are also encouraged to attend an orientation meeting held at their school prior to Kindergarten Round-Up.

See below for a schedule of meetings and Round-Up times:

SCHOOL	PARENT MEETING	ROUND-UP
ARBOR VIEW	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 6:00 PM	FRIDAY, MARCH 3 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
FIRE RIDGE	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 6:00 PM	FRIDAY, MARCH 3 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
HILLRISE	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 6:00 PM	FRIDAY, MARCH 3 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
MANCHESTER	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 6:00 PM	FRIDAY, MARCH 3 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
SAGEWOOD	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 6:00 PM	FRIDAY, MARCH 3 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
SKYLINE	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 6:00 PM	FRIDAY, MARCH 3 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
SPRING RIDGE	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 6:00 PM	LAST NAMES A-K: FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 9:00 - 11:00 AM LAST NAMES L-Z FRIDAY, MARCH 3 12:30 - 2:30 PM
WEST BAY	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 6:00 PM	FRIDAY, MARCH 3 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
WEST DODGE STATION	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 6:00 PM	FRIDAY, MARCH 3 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
WESTRIDGE	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 6:00 PM	FRIDAY, MARCH 3 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM



KINDERGARTEN 101

KINDERGARTEN AGE REQUIREMENTS

Students attending kindergarten in the fall are required to be five years old by July 31. Parents may opt to hold their child out of kindergarten for an additional year; however, Nebraska state law mandates that a child who will be age six on or before Dec. 31 must start school in the fall (prior to turning 6 years old).

During Kindergarten Roundup, parents may apply to enroll their 2017-18 kindergarten student in Kindergarten 101. This program, held during the summer, focuses on kindergarten readiness in social, academic, behavioral and motor skills necessary for success in kindergarten.

Kindergarten 101 is primarily designed to serve children with limited preschool experience or those who demonstrate a need for additional support. A reserved number of spots will also be offered for children who will serve as peer role models. Classes will take place for three hours a day, four days a week during the last weeks before school begins. For more information, visit your school during Kindergarten Roundup, or contact your elementary building principal.

BLUE SAGE ELEMENTARY OPENING FALL 2018

Superintendent Steve Baker recently announced the name of the eleventh elementary school building, the newest addition to the EPS District, as Elkhorn Blue Sage Elementary.

“Construction progress continues at Blue Sage, where site grading has officially begun,” reports Ryan Lindquist, Director of Business Support Services. As the weather permits, Prairie Construction, the general contractor for the project, will also begin pouring footings. Prairie Construction, a local company, has been involved in the building of many District projects, including: West Dodge Station Elementary, Sagewood Elementary, Grandview Middle School, Arbor View Elementary, a gym addition at Elkhorn MS, a classroom remodel at Elkhorn HS and, most recently, the Teacher Training Conference Center remodel.

Blue Sage Elementary, the last of the projects to be completed from the \$63.1 million bond passed by voters in 2014, is set to open in the fall of 2018. It will primarily serve the area surrounding the school near 216th and F streets, where more than 1,100 residential lots have been approved.



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

The Elkhorn Public Schools website has recently been redesigned and contains valuable, up-to-date information for staff, students, parents, District homeowners and other interested parties. The site includes the Annual Report, Board of Education information, Learning Community news, general District information, maps, calendars and much more. For additional information about the District or any other public school district in Nebraska, visit the Nebraska Department of Education website at www.education.ne.gov.



HIGHLIGHTS

The Elkhorn Public Schools publishes the HIGHLIGHTS for the sole purpose of informing district residents of the programs, procedures, and progress of the school district. Questions or comments should be addressed to: Superintendent Steve Baker, 20650 Glenn Street Elkhorn, NE 68022, (402) 289-2579

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