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A Message from Mrs. Petersen

Dear Spring Ridge Families,

It is time to replace our calendars and welcome the New Year! It is hard to believe that we have nearly reached the halfway point of our school year. I feel so fortunate and privileged to work in the Spring Ridge Community. The students never stop amazing me with their academic growth, their enthusiasm for learning, and their pride in our school. This pride is evident through the students' daily actions whether it is researching for a project, participating in Reader's Theater, taking a District Common Assessment, writing in journals, or working on a problem solving activity in math.

I want to sincerely thank you for the great modeling you showed our students through the Mitten Tree Project. You demonstrated heart-felt caring and generosity for families in need of support in our community. Thank you for all you do to support Spring Ridge and the Elkhorn Community!

Since the winter months are known to bring illness, please encourage your children to wash their hands often, as well as cover their mouths when coughing or sneezing. This will help reduce the spread of germs.

Best wishes to you and your family in the year 2020!!!

Laurinda Petersen

Spring Ridge Principal

Happy New Year
2020

Calendar of Events

January

January 1 & 2 - WINTER BREAK

January 3 - NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service

January 10 – Report Cards Go Home

January 20 - NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service

January 27 – Kindergarten Round-Up Parent Meeting, 6 PM

January 28 - Bingo Night, 6-7 PM (K-2) & 7-8 PM (3rd – 5th)

January 31 – Kindergarten Round-Up – NO SCHOOL FOR CURRENT
KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

Brrr!!!! It's Cold Outside!!!!

- Cold weather is still with us. Coats, hats, mittens are needed most days for walking club and recess. It is helpful if you put your child's name in coats. We can easily return items to your child if there is a name on the tag.
- Students will be going outside for recess and walking club if weather permits. Please make sure to dress your children appropriately so that he or she can enjoy his/her time outdoors.
- Inclement weather—school closings will be announced on radio KFAB and local television stations. You should also receive a message from the district School Messenger notification system.
- Please remember that school doors do not open until 7:55 a.m. for walking club. Please do not drop off your children before 7:55. There is no supervision until 7:55 a.m. Thank you.

Student Safety is Our 1st Priority!

Student safety takes priority over any vehicle and driver at Spring Ridge Elementary. Please take a moment to ask yourself these questions. If you answer yes to even one of these, you may be placing a child at risk.

- Are you driving too fast?
- Are you in too big of a hurry?
- Are you parking illegally?
- Are you asking a child to cross through traffic?
- Do you allow your child to ride without a seatbelt?

Please remember to follow our Spring Ridge Drop off and Pick up procedures. Pull as far forward as possible. Always have your child enter and exit curbside. And finally, never ask a child to cross through traffic to meet you.

Please be considerate of our Safety Patrol students. They are doing a great job and are truly interested in the safety of their fellow peers. Thank you for your help in maintaining order and safety during the drop off and pick up times.

Visitor Guidelines

All visitors are required to sign in/out when arriving and leaving the building. Visitors will be asked to wear a visitor's badge while in school.

All visitors must use the front entrance. Please do not go to the classrooms without checking in at the office. If you have brought something that your child has forgotten, please drop it off at the office and we will be happy to take it to your child.

NSCAS Testing Timeline

All students in grades three through eight, as well as 11th grades, will take part in NSCAS (Nebraska Student Centered Assessment System). Results from the NSCAS will be used to identify strengths and areas of need across the district, as well as for each individual student. It is important that your student(s) be present during these assessments in order to get an accurate snapshot of their level of mastery in relation to state standards. These results will also allow our teaching staff to guide classroom instruction based on areas of need. Listed below are the scheduled dates for the NSCAS assessments at Spring Ridge. Please be mindful of these dates when scheduling appointments, vacations, etc. If you have any questions regarding NSCAS assessments or scheduled testing dates, please feel free to contact Laurinda Petersen at 402-637-0204.

NSCAS Reading & Math for 3rd through 5th Grade Students & NSCAS Science for 5th Grade Students is scheduled during the weeks of March 30 - May 1.

Spring Ridge Kindergarten Round-Up

Spring Ridge Elementary is seeking to identify children who are eligible for kindergarten during the 2020-21 school year. Spring Ridge Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on January 31st. A Parent Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 27 at 6:00 PM in the cafeteria. Please see the Spring Ridge Kindergarten Round-Up form attached to this newsletter for more information.



2020-2021 KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

Elkhorn Public Schools is seeking to identify children planning to attend kindergarten during the upcoming school year. According to Nebraska State Law, children who are five years of age on or before July 31, 2020 are eligible to attend kindergarten.

Parents planning to send their child to kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year are encouraged to attend an orientation meeting at their assigned school on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Kindergarten Roundup will then be held at your assigned school on Friday, January 31, 2020 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM.

Please pre-register your student for Kindergarten Roundup by filling out the information below and returning it as soon as possible. If you have friends or neighbors who will have a child starting school, please share this information with them.

If you are unsure of your assigned school or need additional copies of this form, visit www.elkhornweb.org.

Spring Ridge Elementary	
Principal: Laurinda Petersen	<u>Parent Meeting</u>
17830 Shadow Ridge Dr., Omaha, NE 68130	Monday, Jan. 27, 2020 at 6:00 PM
(402) 637-0204	<u>Kindergarten Roundup</u>
www.elkhornweb.org/springridge	Friday, Jan. 31, 2020 from 9-11:00 AM

KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name (First Last) _____

Birth Date (mm/dd/yy) _____ Male ___ Female___

Parent Name(s)_____ Primary Phone_____

Email Address _____

Housing Subdivision _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I give permission for my student to be photographed for District promotional purposes, including print and social media uses.

Please list any allergies, dietary restrictions, or current health conditions and medications for your child here:

Please return completed form to your school's main office or email to mmanske@epsne.org at your earliest convenience.

Stay Connected with Spring Ridge's PTOWebsite: www.springridgepto.com

Facebook: Spring Ridge Elementary PTO

Email: springridgeelementarypto@gmail.com**2019 - 2020 Spring Ridge PTO Board**Presidents: **Karamie Vala and Ronna Sears**Presidents Elect: **Tami Candy and Melanie Rose**Treasurer: **Kristen Kelley**Secretary: **Jill Peters****THANK YOU!**

Thank you to Antara Gabinet and Katie Liekweg for organizing our staff survey! Thanks to Tami Candy and Melanie Patton we had two successful events; Marco's Pizza and Barnes and Noble. A special shout out to Mrs. Petersen for coming to Barnes and Noble and reading at story time, the kids loved it!

Ronna Sears-Fritz and Karamie Vala
2019-2020 Co-Presidents

Bingo For BooksTuesday, January 28thKindergarten – 2nd Grade: 6:00pm - 7:00pm3rd Grade – 5th Grade: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Come enjoy Spring Ridge Bingo Night! Every child will win a book! If you have children in multiple grades, please choose one time slot to attend. Siblings are welcome too. A parent must accompany children.

Questions? Contact Melanie Patton at mrose0725@gmail.com**AMAZON SMILE**

A reminder to log into smile.amazon.com while shopping on Amazon this holiday season. Simply choose Spring Ridge Elementary Parent Teacher Organization as your beneficiary organization. You will shop as you normally do on Amazon and .5% of all your purchases will be donated to Spring Ridge PTO at *no cost to you*.

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SPRING RIDGE ELEMENTARY PTO

Organization Number: YT880

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springridgepto.com



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Next PTO MEETING

(Free childcare for all ages!)

February 3rd at 7:00pm in
the media center.

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