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A Message from Mrs. Petersen

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! It is hard to believe that we already have 2 weeks under our belt! Students have transitioned well from summer break to the start of a brand new school year. Thank you for your help in making this transition go very smoothly!

On behalf of the students and teachers, I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to our PTO for decorating the school campus for our first day and for assisting the teachers with classroom materials. Thank you for your support in making Spring Ridge Elementary a great place to learn.

Our school theme this year is "Choose Kind, Share a Smile"! We know that through strong teamwork between parents, staff, and community members, we can ensure that each child will reach their individual potential academically, socially, and emotionally. Thank you for your commitment to this teamwork!

Please know that throughout the school year my door is always open. Never hesitate to set up a time to meet with me. You can also email me at lpetersen@epsne.org or you can call me at 402-637-0204. Thank you again for a great start to this school year!

Laurinda Petersen

Spring Ridge Principal

September - Calendar of Events

September 7 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL

September 22 & 23 - Parent/Teacher Conferences; Early Dismissal 2:06 PM – Mid Quarters will be sent home the day before your Parent/Teacher Conference, so you will have it in hand for conferences.

September 24 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service

September 25 - NO SCHOOL

September 29 - School Picture Day

Traffic Reminders

It's no secret that Spring Ridge Elementary is not the easiest to navigate when dropping and picking up children. Even veteran Spring Ridge parents find it easy to forget the specifics of daily drop-off and pick-up. The utmost priority is the safety of our children. One accident at the school is one too many.

Helpful Reminders

The beginning of the school year is a great time to remind students and parents about general procedures followed at school each day. These will help ensure a successful day and year for children, families, and teachers. Thank you!

- Look through your child's backpack and go over the items sent home each day with your child.
- Help your child remember to return papers as they are due.
- Help your child arrive to school on time.
- Call the office 402-637-0204 each day your child will be tardy or absent.
- Send a note with your child if he/she is doing something different after school (car-pooling instead of walking, etc.)

Here are a few basic reminders:

Morning Drop-off Procedures:

1. Students may be dropped off curbside between the designated orange cones at the front of the building. Always enter the drive from the east and remain in the right lane (curbside). Keep moving forward as far as possible. Please stop only once between the orange cones.
2. Students may be dropped off along the west curb of 178th Street. Note 178th Street is a one-way north between the hours of 7:00 A.M.-9:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M. Students may use the sidewalks along the staff parking lot or the sidewalk along the front of the building to bring them to the appropriate entrance. Please do not use the staff parking lot to drop off or pick up students.

Afternoon Pick-up Procedures:

1. Students are to be picked up curbside at the front entrance of the building. Always enter the front drive from the east and remain in the right lane (curbside). Keep moving forward as far as possible, picking up children between designated cones. Please do not use the drive-through lane for picking up children. Students are not allowed to walk through traffic. Please do not leave your car unattended if you are parked curbside as this disrupts the flow of traffic.
2. Students may be picked up along the west curb of 178th Street.

No Dogs on School Grounds



Just a reminder that dogs are not allowed on school grounds when school is in session. Even the most well-mannered dogs, when surrounded by little hands and loud voices of children, may react in a way that we would not expect. In addition, some of our children are allergic to dogs. Thank you for your help with this!

URGENT – IMPORTANT – COVID 19 HANDBOOK SUPPLEMENT

As a reminder, all parents/guardians must electronically acknowledge receipt of the COVID-19 Student Handbook Addendum. If you have not yet completed your electronic acknowledgment, please refer to the email you received on Friday, August 14 from Elkhorn Public Schools with the subject "2020-2021 STUDENT HANDBOOK: COVID SUPPLEMENT" and follow the link in that email to complete the acknowledgment.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

We will once again be using the on-line conference scheduler called **Pick-A-Time**. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be on Tuesday, September 22nd and Wednesday, September 23rd from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. each evening. All Parent Teacher Conferences will be held via Zoom. You will use the zoom link in your child's Google Classroom.

Please see the directions in this newsletter on how to proceed with scheduling your child's time. This is a first-come first-serve scheduling software. The on-line scheduler will open up at **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2020** and close at **11:59p.m. on Sunday, September 20, 2020**. As a result, the sooner you register the more likely you are to get your preferred time. In addition, if you have more than one student, it will not allow you to schedule them back-to-back. The one exception is if you have children who have the same teacher. It will require a fifteen-minute time slot between the two conferences. This allows time to get to the next zoom link and for conferences that have gotten behind schedule. Once you begin the process, if you have questions please feel free to contact the office (402-637-0204) or your child's teachers.

This information, as well as the directions found in this newsletter, will go home with students on Friday, September 4.

Pick a Time - Conference Scheduling

Pick a Time-Conference Scheduling

Directions for Parents Sept. 2020

Follow the directions below to get to the Parent Teacher Conference Scheduler.

Web address: <https://tinyurl.com/y4cs6k64>

Sign In

If you've previously registered, all you need to do is enter your email address and password. The system will know about your appointments and the children you have added to your account.

Register (new users)

1. Enter your email address and push "Login/Create Account".
2. Fill in the required fields and register.
3. For each child, enter your child's first and last name.
(example: JohnSmith) and birth date (example: 12/15/2005)

Scheduling

1. Each colored square represents an available meeting time. The legend/key shows you what each color means. **Click on a square to book that time.**
2. As an option, you have the choice of setting a time when you would like a reminder email delivered.
3. Click "**Create Appointment**" to finalize.

Repeat until you have a time for each of your children.

*At any time, you can click on "**printable schedule**" and print the resulting web page to get a hard copy of your schedule. You will also have the option to email your schedule to yourself.

*You have the ability to change your conference time through September 20th. You will need to log in with the email address and password you used to create your account. If you need to make a change after September 20th, you will need to contact the office at 402-637-0204.

*Click on "**Your Schedule**" to display and hide your appointments. There will be links to change the time or cancel the appointment.

Please Note: Specialists are also available for conferences during these times. Please feel free to email them to set up a time to zoom with them during the conference days and times.

A Note from the Nurse...



Thank you so much for all you are doing to keep your kids healthy and safe! I know that this year has been challenging and it will continue to be, but with your help we can keep our students, staff, and community healthy.

- Encourage your child to get a good night's sleep, eat healthy, and get plenty of physical activity to strengthen their immune system.
- *Continue to screen your children daily for symptoms of illness:*
 - fever (temp >100.4), chills, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, new cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste/smell.
- This is the symptom screening tool we are using at school:
 - <https://www.douglascountyhealth.com/109-dchd/home/covid-19/774-school-reopening-guidance-information>
- Please keep up the "Covid safety triangle" of wearing a mask, social distancing, and frequent hand washing/sanitizing even when your children are playing with friends or at after school activities.
- If your child has asthma, a severe allergy, diabetes, or seizure disorder and you have not yet turned in an action plan or medications, please fill out the proper forms and submit them as soon as possible.
 - <https://www.elkhornweb.org/parents/student-medication-form/>
 - <http://www.airenebraska.org/schools.html>

Thank you!

Sara Bird, RN

GOOGLE CLASSROOM GUARDIAN EMAIL SUMMARIES

Starting Tuesday, September 8th, guardians will be able to receive email summaries about their student's activity in Google Classroom. Guardians will receive an email invitation on September 8th and will need to accept the invitation in order to receive Google Classroom email summaries. Email summaries do not include grades.

In email summaries, you can review:

- **Missing work**—Work not turned in when the summary was sent.
- **Upcoming work**—Work that's due today and tomorrow (for daily emails) or that's due in the upcoming week (for weekly emails).
- **Class activities**—Announcements, assignments, and questions recently posted by teachers.

If there's no activity to report or if a teacher turns off email notifications, you might not get an email summary.

Please click on [this link](#) for more information.

Thanks.

Kevin Gross

Director of Technology

Elkhorn Public Schools



District Reminders

ONLINE CALENDARS INFORMATION

EPS provides several different ways for parents to stay connected throughout the school year! Stay in-the-know on upcoming events by subscribing to both District and individual building calendars found at <https://www.elkhornweb.org/calendar/>.

EPS PHOTO PERMISSION EXPLANATION

As part of the annual online registration process, all EPS students must elect their photo permission for the school year. A detailed explanation of the three options available for students to choose from is below.

- **YES:**
 - Student photo and video can be utilized by the District for purposes deemed appropriate under FERPA in print, digitally within EPS buildings, and electronically on the web or social media
 - Student video will be shown when utilizing distance-learning platforms such as Zoom
 - Student photo and video can be shared with and featured in local media sources
- **NO:**
 - Student photo and video will not appear or be shared in any format for any purpose
 - Student photo will not be included in school yearbook
 - Student video will not be shown when utilizing distance learning platforms such as Zoom
 - Student photo and video cannot be shared with local media partners including photos for extracurricular activities and groups
- **YEARBOOK ONLY:**
 - Student photo will be featured only in the school yearbook
 - Student video will not be shown when utilizing distance learning platforms such as Zoom
 - Student photo and video will not be shared with local media partners including photos for extracurricular activities and groups

After reviewing these explanations, if you feel that the option you originally chose for your student does not accurately reflect your desired choice, please contact your building administrative assistant to update it.



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

Facebook: Spring Ridge Elementary PTO

Email: springridgeelementarypto@gmail.com**2020 - 2021 Spring Ridge PTO**Presidents: **Tami Candy and Melanie Patton****THANK YOU!**

Back to school has been an exciting and busy time! We want to extend a sincere thank you to all of our wonderful PTO volunteers this August! Thank you to Karamie Vala for making our first day back to school fantastic and for her work to manage our Facebook page. Megan Geissinger designed some awesome new spirit wear to celebrate Spring Ridge. Thank you to Elizabeth Miller for making back to school safe and fun with our customized Spring Ridge masks. Kristin Lewis and Sarah Terry did a fantastic job with finalizing our 2019-2020 yearbook and are already busy at work starting on the yearbook for this school year. Thank you to Melanie Hergenrader for organizing wish lists for our teachers. Mollie Petersen did a fabulous job with creating several bulletin board displays. Mandira Khanna and Antara Gabinet worked tirelessly to sort and distribute all of our school supplies. Thank you to Kristen Kelley for keeping our PTO web site looking great and up to date. Thank you to Ronna Sears for her work with our PTO sponsors for the 2020-2021 school year. Jackie Warren and Ursula Feinhold and our workroom volunteers have been hard at work already to help our teachers and staff. And thank you to Deependra Rawal for making our newsletter look incredible. We sincerely appreciate all that you do!

Update Your Contact Information

Trying to reach another Spring Ridge family to line up a play date? Not receiving emails from the PTO regarding upcoming events? Please take a moment to add or update your contact information in the Spring Ridge online directory to ensure that you aren't missing out on all the fun. All information is protected by secure log on and password. Visit springridgepto.membershiptoolkit.com to register or update your information! Please contact Kelsey Bambara – kelseybambara@gmail.com – with questions.

Family Fun Night

Head on over to Dairy Chef on September 17th, 2020 for our Family Fun Night. Grab a hot dog, a burger, or an ice cream to go and safely support our school! Don't forget to mention that you are with Spring Ridge Elementary and they will donate a portion of sales back to our PTO. Look for more information on our PTO website and on Facebook.

If you own a restaurant you'd like to have featured, please contact Mandira Khanna at mandira_khanna05@yahoo.com.

Support Spring Ridge Elementary

Let's not miss out on two great opportunities to support Spring Ridge at no cost to you!

[Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)

How it works:

Make sure all of your Amazon shopping is purchased through [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com). Go to Your AmazonSmile under Settings. Select Spring Ridge PTO as your supporting charity and you're done. Amazon will donate a portion of each purchase to our PTO. It's that easy!

TAGG: Together A Greater Good

How the App Works –

Step 1: Download the TAGG app.

Step 2: Visit participating businesses and snap a photo of your receipt.

Step 3: Select which Cause to support (Spring Ridge Elementary PTO) and the business will donate to the PTO.

Check out the PTO website at:
springridgepto.com



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