



# Spring Ridge Review

## Spring Ridge Elementary

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### Newsletter

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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, explaining a reading strategy they are using to better understand text, 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!

As we move into the typical flu months of January and February, we appreciate your continued support by screening your child of any symptoms prior to dropping them off at school, encouraging hand washing and hand sanitizing, sending them with a water bottle to keep them hydrated, and of course ensuring they have a clean mask for each day.

Best wishes to you and your family in the year 2021!!!

Laurinda Petersen

Spring Ridge Principal

Happy New  
Year 2021

## Calendar of Events

### January

January 1-3 - WINTER BREAK

January 4-8 - Distance Learning for All Students

January 13 - Report Cards Go Home

January 18 - NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service

## Student Safety is Our 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

- Cold weather is still with us. Coats, hats, mittens are needed most days for 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 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. Please do not drop off your children before 7:55. There is no supervision until 7:55 a.m. Thank you.

## Spring Ridge Kindergarten Round-Up

Registration for students entering kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year will be open from January 25-29, 2021 at [www.elkhornweb.org](http://www.elkhornweb.org).

By completing the online registration, parents/guardians will be added to the contact list to receive an incoming-kindergarten student information email in March 2021, which will include details for the parent meeting and kindergarten roundup.

The parent meeting will be held virtually on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Kindergarten round-up is scheduled for Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, with the format details yet to be determined. Additional details will be provided in the March 2021 communication.

## A Note from the School Nurse



Hello 2021 and welcome back to school! Some important messages:

- If you received a health screen referral letter within the last month 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 continue to send a couple of *clean* face masks to school with your child each day (one to wear and one just 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. We want to continue to do our best to keep our students and staff as safe and healthy as possible.
- Here is the updated screening tool from the Douglas County Health Department:

[Requirements for Screening, Exclusion, and Readmittance of Ill Students and Staff](#)

- If your student does have any symptoms or has had an exposure, here is the link to the updated quarantine guidelines:

[14 day full quarantine](#) | [10 day shortened quarantine](#) | [7 day shortened quarantine](#)

Thank you!

Sara Bird, RN, BSN

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## NSCAS Testing Timeline

All students in grades three through eight, as well as 11<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students & NSCAS Science for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students is scheduled during the weeks of March 29-May 7.

Check out the PTO website at:

[springridgepto.com](http://springridgepto.com)



Stay Connected with Spring Ridge's PTO

Website: [www.springridgepto.com](http://www.springridgepto.com)

Facebook: Spring Ridge Elementary PTO

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2020 - 2021 Spring Ridge PTO

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## THANK YOU!

A sincere thank you to all of the families that supported the Celebration of Giving. Your generosity and compassion touched many families in our Elkhorn community and made their holiday season a bit brighter. A big thank you to Mandira Khanna for all of her work to organize the Family Fun Night events with Dairy Chef and Runza. And a huge thank you to Mallory Rupp for organizing appreciation treats for our Spring Ridge teachers and staff during a very busy end of the school year! Thank you to all of our Spring Ridge families for your support of the PTO during these challenging times – we appreciate everyone's support and generosity to support Spring Ridge!

## Spring Ridge Yearbooks

Remember this year forever with a Spring Ridge Yearbook! Order yours today!

How to Order:

Go to [springridge.blossomyearbooks.com](http://springridge.blossomyearbooks.com).

1. Click "Order" to register for an account.
2. Click "Order" again to continue to the online store. NOTE: After choosing the total quantity to order, on the next page you must choose the quantity to be delivered to each child so the yearbooks will be delivered separately to their classrooms.
3. Fill out payment information to complete your purchase.

Questions? Email us at [springridgeyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:springridgeyearbook@gmail.com).

## DAIRY CHEF QUART FUNDRAISER BIG SUCCESS

Our Dairy Chef Quart fundraiser was a huge success! Your generous contributions helped us make \$300 back for to our school. Thank you to everyone who supported us. We appreciate you!

## Support Spring Ridge With Your Holiday Shopping



Doing more online shopping this holiday season? Don't forget to use [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and designate Spring Ridge Elementary PTO as your supporting organization and a portion of each of your online purchases will go to support Spring Ridge!

## BAKERS COMMUNITY REWARDS



Bakers shoppers: We need your help!!!

Login to your Baker's account online and enroll your Plus Card in the community rewards program.

[www.bakersplus.com/communityrewards](http://www.bakersplus.com/communityrewards)

**Organization Name: SPRING RIDGE ELEMENTARY PTO**

**Organization Number: YT880**

That's it! Every time you shop, Spring Ridge will receive a percentage of what you spend.



**TOGETHER A  
GREATER GOOD**

Let's not miss out on a great opportunity to fundraise for PTO at no cost to you! Business lunch with clients? TAGG it! Catering in for a meeting? TAGG it! Out for lunch or dinner with a friend? TAGG it!

### HOW THE APP WORKS:

Step 1: Download the TAGG app

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

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

## Spring Ridge Recess Donations

Thank you SO much for your very generous donations toward our Spring Ridge recess wish list. Your generosity provided such fun recess games and supplies for our Spring Ridge students! Thank you for your support -- it means so much.



## CHARRED

Monday & Tuesday January 25 - 26, 2021  
You have not one but two opportunities, January 25th & 26th to head on over to Charred (1150 Sterling Ridge Dr #107) and grab some delicious take-out and support our school! Let them know that you are at Spring Ridge and they will donate part of the proceeds back to the school.

## PTO MEETING

There is no PTO meeting in January. Please mark your calendar for our next meeting on February 1, 2021.

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