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A Message from Mrs. Petersen

Dear Spring Ridge Family!

The second semester is well underway as we celebrated the 100th day of school at the end of January! Time flies when you are having a good time! Students are making tremendous progress in all academic areas. I am very proud of the growth our students are making! It is very apparent that learning is important to our Spring Ridge students. Thank you for all that you do to encourage learning at home and for emphasizing the importance of school.

Sincerely,

Laurinda Petersen

Spring Ridge Principal

Calendar of Events

- **February 7** - PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM
- **February 10** - 2nd Grade Music Program, 6:00 PM / 3rd Grade Music Program, 7:15 PM
- **February 11** - Valentine's Day Parties 2:30 pm
- **February 16-17** Parent/Teacher Conferences; Early Dismissal 2:06 PM – Mid Quarter Reports are given to parents at Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- **February 18** - NO SCHOOL
- **February 23** - Book Swap

Parent/Teacher Conferences

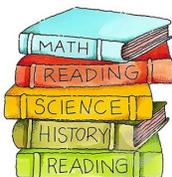
February 16 and 17 are Parent/Teacher Conferences. We will once again be using the online scheduler, Pick-A-Time, to schedule PT Conferences just like we have last fall and the year before. A handout was sent home with students on January 21st explaining this process. Parents were also sent an email with this information.

The online scheduler will open for you to sign up at **10 AM on Tuesday, February 1st** and it will close at **11:59 PM on Sunday, February 13th**. If you have any questions, please contact the Spring Ridge Office at 402-637-0204. There is an early dismissal on both **February 16** and **February 17** at **2:06 PM** with **NO SCHOOL** on **Friday, February 18th**.

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 28-April 29**.

A Note from the Nurse



A Note from the Nurse...

- If you received a health screen referral letter within the last few months 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 send a couple of clean face masks to school with your child each day (one to wear and one 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 and follow district guidelines if your student has had an exposure or is symptomatic. We want to continue to do our best to keep our students and staff as safe and healthy as possible. Here is the new [Response to COVID-19 Guidance January 2022](#) from the Elkhorn Public Schools website.
- It's not too early to start scheduling your school 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 test for strabismus, amblyopia, and acuity) dated on or after February 17, 2022. In addition, students will need a current immunization record including the Kindergarten booster shots. Here is the [Summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations](#)

Thank you!

Elizabeth Page, RN, BSN
epage@epsne.org

We've Got Spirit, Yes We Do!

REMEMBER: FRIDAYS are Spirit Day!

Encourage your children to wear their Spring Ridge apparel on Fridays to show their school spirit. If your child doesn't have any Spring Ridge apparel, our school colors are blue and yellow. Students can also just wear clothing that is blue and/or yellow to show their Spring Ridge spirit on Fridays. Thank you for your support!



FEBRUARY 2022

District Reminders

SchoolMessenger Alerts

Both the EPS District and individual buildings regularly use a parent messaging system called SchoolMessenger to send emails and phone calls to parents, including monthly information about building happenings, as well as school closings. If you did not receive a phone call and an email regarding our most recent School Cancellation, please reach out to your building secretary.

SchoolMessenger also allows recipients to "unsubscribe" from its mailing list; please understand that by "unsubscribing" you are completely removing your email address from ALL lists, including both District and building specific emails. If you have previously unsubscribed and would like to begin receiving emails again, please let your building secretary know.

Smart Gen Society Social Media Resources

SmartGen Society, a local organization focused on bringing preventative and proactive measure to offset negative implications of social media use in youth, has created several informative resources on frequently-used apps.

Click on each link below to view the details.

[Smart Gen Social Media Planning for Families](#)

[Smart Gen Society Social Media Break](#)

[Smart Gen About TikTok](#)

[Smart Gen About Snapchat](#)

[Smart Gen About Instagram](#)

[Smart Gen About Discord](#)

For additional information about Smart Gen Society, please visit <https://www.smartgensociety.org/>



Save the Date!

SPRING RIDGE CARNIVAL

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022 | 5 - 8pm

Food, Inflatables, Games, Prizes & Raffle

For more information contact Maggie Holmes and Angie Grote
SpringRidgeCarnival2022@gmail.com

CARNIVAL RAFFLE

Each year the raffle committee works hard to find great prizes for the Spring Ridge Carnival, but we need your help!

We are seeking donations from business owners and/or interested families. If your business or your family would like to make a donation you can do that by:

- 1) Emailing SpringRidgeCarnival2022@gmail.com
- 2) Sending a check to school in an envelope marked Carnival Raffle Donation, Attention: Maggie Holmes & Angie Grote. Please have your check made out to Spring Ridge PTO.

Monetary donations are easiest for us to work with, but if your business or family would prefer to donate an item, we would be happy to give you a few suggestions. Donors of \$100 or more will have their business logo or family name displayed on our raffle table.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to this year's raffle being another BIG success!

Stay Connected with Spring Ridge's PTO

Website: www.springridgepto.com

Facebook: Spring Ridge Elementary PTO

Email: springridgeelementarypto@gmail.com

2021-2022 Spring Ridge PTO

Mandira Khanna - President

Angela Fisher - Co-Vice President

Marie Troya - Co-Vice President

Sara Bartruff - Treasurer

Antara Gabinet - Secretary

THANK YOU!

A huge shout out to Angela Fisher and Marie Troya for a flawlessly planned and executed Bingo 4 Books event and a fun Family Fun Night at Spin! Pizza. Julie Oelke for her support the day of B4B. Thank you to Tami Candy and Leslie Stubbendieck for once again showing our faculty and staff our appreciation with a yummy treat from Nothing Bundt Cakes! Angela Fisher for the motivational posters that welcomed our students back from break. As we head into the second half of the school year, we want to send big thank you's to Karamie Vala for sharing great information through our Facebook page, to Kristen Kelley for managing our Spring Ridge PTO web page, and Cassi DeAngelis for her amazing work on this newsletter!

Yearbooks

YEARBOOK - ONLINE ORDERING NOW OPEN!!

HOW TO ORDER: 1. Go to <https://store.shopyearbook.com/springridge>

2. Click "Sign In" on the upper right corner of the screen to login or create an account.

3. Click "SELECT" under the image of a 21-22 yearbook on the main store screen

4. Enter student information. For more than one student click "Add new Student". Click "Continue"

5. Enter the number of yearbooks you want to order for each student, click "Continue".

- If you are ordering for more than one student you must choose the number of yearbooks to be ordered for EACH student. This ensures that each yearbook is delivered to the correct classroom at the end of the year.

6. Review your order (make sure each student has the correct quantity)

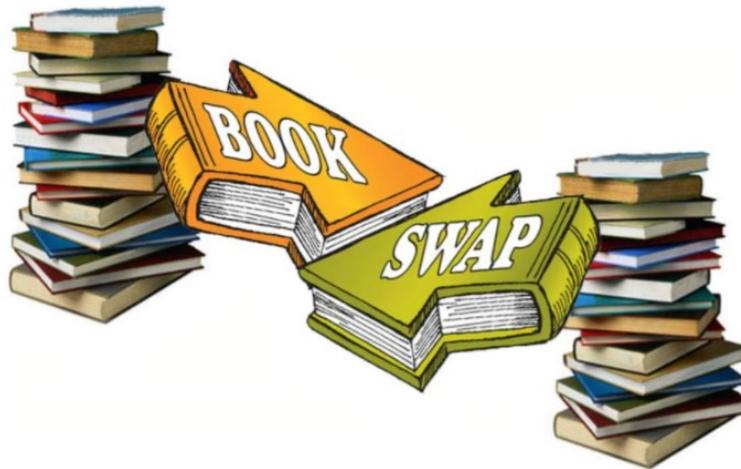
7. Fill out payment info to complete your purchase. Click "Place Order" - A confirmation email will be sent from support@picabooyearbooks.com

NOT SURE IF YOU'VE ALREADY ORDERED?

Sign in on the website listed above and select the 21-22 yearbook. On the landing page for your account it will show the names of students and the current order for each student. If you need to order additional yearbooks you can do that from this page following the directions above.

QUESTIONS? email springridgeyearbook@gmail.com

Book Swap



Back by popular demand!

We are so excited to announce that that book swap is back this February! This is such an anticipated event for our Spring Ridge Eagles that we are ecstatic to know it is back again.

Spring Ridge Book Swap will be held on **February 23rd**

We need books for ALL readers- this includes picture books and chapter books!

New to Spring Ridge? Here are the details!

· **February 14th - 18th:** Collection Week! A box will be in the front vestibule to drop off your student's donated books. Please mark one book with painter's tape and add your child's name and their teacher. This year, all students who donate will get to swap for 3 books.

· **February 23rd:** Book Swap Time! Kids will get to go shop the swap- all books will be laid out in the book swap room for kids to pick and choose something new to them. Any kid who has donated books to the book swap will get to swap for 3 books.

To ensure that all children who donate can pick out 3 books please try to donate at least 3 books, if possible. Donate as much as you can! This is a great way to start some spring cleaning!

Questions? Contact Maggie Brockmann at maggie.brockmann7@gmail.com

Support Spring Ridge

Thank you so much for your support of Spring Ridge. Below are some easy ways to show your support. If you are currently using one or more of these – THANK YOU! Your time and effort is so greatly appreciated! If you are new to these programs, please take a moment to check them out and find an easy way to show your support for our school!



How it works:

Make sure all your Amazon shopping is purchased through 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!



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

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.



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.

PTO Election Information

The election of the PTO officers for the 2022-2023 school year is just around the corner! Each year, we elect a new Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary to our Executive Board. A brief description of each position is listed below. A few hours of your time each month is all it takes so we hope you will consider one of these positions. If you have any questions, please refer them to a member of our nominating committee.

Vice-President- The office of Vice-President shall be filled by election to serve a one-year term as Vice-President followed by a one-year term as President. The Vice-President conducts

PTO meetings when the PTO President is not available, helps with committees as needed, assists the President with the performance of his/her duties, and is available to help with all PTO business. The Vice-President is also responsible for coordinating and handling all aspects of our monthly Family Fun Nights and organize the school supply kits.

Secretary- The Secretary is responsible for keeping an accurate record of all meetings of the organization as well as the Executive Board and for providing copies of meeting minutes to the officers and the organization. The secretary will also reconcile the monthly bank statements, post the minutes from each meeting on the website, purchase/send greeting cards and thank you notes when necessary, and prepare announcements of monthly PTO meetings and other activities as needed.

Treasurer- The Treasurer is responsible for receiving all monies of the organization, checking the PTO drawer for bills and reimbursement forms a minimum of twice a week, paying all bills on or before their due date, keeping an accurate record of receipts and expenditures, and disbursing funds as authorized by vote of the organization or the Executive Board. The Treasurer is also responsible for providing the PTO President with a current budget report at least two days prior to each monthly meeting and for presenting this report at each PTO meeting.

As outlined in the bylaws, the office of Treasurer and Secretary are elected to serve a one year term and are eligible for re-election to the same office. These officers may serve at any one position for a maximum of two years. No officer, excluding the school principal, shall serve on the Executive Board for more than three years.

The Nominating Committee will present the nominations for officers at the March 7th meeting and the election of officers will be held at the April 4th meeting.

If you are unable to become an officer at this time, please consider becoming a chairperson/co-chairperson of one of our PTO committees. Contact Marie Troya marie_troya@yahoo.com

See Page 10 for PTO Officer Nomination Form

Please complete the attached PTO Nomination Form indicating how you might like to become involved with the Spring Ridge PTO. Please return the completed form to the school by February 28th, 2022.

PTO OFFICER NOMINATION FORM

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

 I am interested in serving on the 2022/2023 PTO Executive Board Vice-President Treasurer Secretary I would like to nominate _____ for the office of _____. I am unable to be an officer at this time. However, I am interested in becoming a chairperson/co-chairperson for one of the PTO committees. This is the committee I am interested in:_____
Contact me at: _____

Staff Appreciation

During this year, with so much going on, we want to thank you for helping us recognize our Super Hero faculty and staff members each month!

During the month of March, like other Elkhorn Schools, Spring Ridge will be participating in teacher appreciation week from **March 7 - 11**. Stay tuned for some fun ideas about how we will get the kids involved in recognizing all their teachers!

Like we do each year, we are also looking for cash donations to support our efforts. We will be collecting through **March 4th**.

You can contribute using PayPal: <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/SpringRidgePTO>. Or send a check payable to the Spring Ridge PTO. Please indicate in the memo line: F/S Appreciation.

Stay tuned for more information, and please email Leslie Stubbendieck (leslie.stubbendieck@gmail.com) or Tami Candy (tamcandy81@gmail.com) with questions or volunteer for the committee!

5th Grade Graduation



We are excited to be planning 5th grade graduation!

We will be sending out a google document via email as it pertains to grad ads, field day t-shirts, graduation after party and pictures needed for graduation videos. So be on the lookout for our email!

CONGRATULATE YOUR 5TH GRADE GRADUATE WITH A GRAD AD

For only \$5, you can place a yearbook GRAD AD for your son or daughter that includes a message from your family and a picture.

Please send your child's picture (saved as a high-resolution JPG file and LABELED with his/her name) to SpringRidge2022GradAds@gmail.com by **March 1st**. Feel free to use a baby, toddler or more recent picture.

You may remit your payment via PayPal

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/SpringRidgePTO> Please add note: GRAD AD and your student's name. To avoid a service fee please use the family and friends option when paying via PayPal.

Or send a \$5 check made payable to Spring Ridge PTO please include a note that it is for GRAD AD with your student's name.

Graduation After Party

We are excited to announce that we will have our after-graduation party at Sky Zone from 1:00-3:00 pm. The cost will be \$20 per child and will cover the cost of jumping, socks, pizza and a beverage. You will need to go onto the Sky Zone website and complete the wavier.

<https://waivers.adv.centeredge.io/age-verification?siteid=c9c4acb7-ba92-42d7-90de-f077688225ae&returnUrl=https:%2F%2Fskyzoneomaha.centeredgeonline.com>

Please pay by **May 1st** via check made out to Spring Ridge PTO, RE: Skyzone or via same PayPal account, Note: Sky Zone. To avoid a service fee please use the family and friends option when paying via PayPal. We could still use parent volunteers at Sky Zone!

5th Grade Graduation (continued)

5th Grade Graduation Video

We are planning a fun video for the 5th grade celebration. We are asking Parents of fifth graders to find pictures and short video clips (cut to less than 30 seconds) for the video. At minimum, we ask that each parent submit a favorite Kindergarten picture and a recent (5th grade only) picture of your student(s). All pictures are due by **April 8th, 2022**.

Additionally, we would love any group pictures or videos from the last six years from school functions. These may be pictures from classroom parties, first/last days of school, Eagle Report, Carnival, Bingo 4 Books, Destination Imagination, or any other activities or events that took place on school grounds. We prefer the picture or video contain at least three students. Please do not submit non-school related pictures - e.g. individual pics, playdates, birthday parties, sports teams, etc.

Once you have chosen & edited your photos/videos, save them to your device. Then add them to our Spring Ridge 5th Grade Photo Stream on Google Photo:

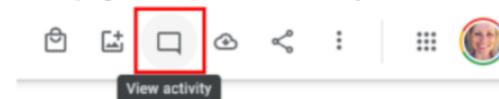
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Detailed pictorial instructions below.

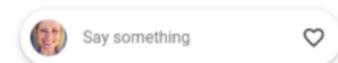
1. Access the Spring Ridge 5th Grade Photo Stream on Google Photos:
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/s7UZTPyUJ6LbLZZ46>
2. In the top right hand corner of the page, click the icon to add photos:



3. In the top right hand corner click "Select from computer":
4. Locate your selected photos on your computer/device, and select them. Then add to photo stream.
5. In the top right corner, click on the Activity icon:



6. Your photos should appear in the Activity feed. Click "Say something" in the bottom right corner:
7. Enter the following information for your photos you uploaded: [Family Name, Students Full Name, Teacher's last name].



T-Shirts

Finally, your child will receive a free t-shirt to wear to track and field day in May.

If you have any questions OR would like to VOLUNTEER to help with 5th Grade Graduation, please contact Katie Ebers kjebers@yahoo.com or Karamie Vala kbfly@hotmail.com

Valentines Classroom Parties

Love is in the air! It's time to celebrate love and friendship! This Valentine's Day, make the day even more memorable by volunteering to help with the Spring Ridge Valentine's Day Classroom Parties. The parties will be held Friday, **February 11th from 2:30-3:00 p.m.** Each classroom will celebrate during this time with a game and a craft. Be on the lookout for an email from the PTO with information on volunteer sign-ups.



Happy Valentine's Day!

Class Wish Lists

As we start the second half of the school year, it is a good time to check in with our teachers to ensure that they have the tools and supplies needed to help our kids be successful in their classrooms. The PTO will be sharing a Sign-Up Genius with a list of items requested by our teachers as we start into the second semester, so please watch your email.

Please bring requested items to school during conferences or you can send them to school with your child(ren) if that is easier. As Valentine's Day approaches, thank you for having a "heart" for Spring Ridge – your generosity and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!

Family Fun Night @ LOCAL

Enjoy a night off from cooking and raise money for the Spring Ridge PTO.

Dine in or take out at Local 17304 Davenport Street on **Wednesday February 23, 4-8pm.**

Mention you are with Spring Ridge Elementary, and a portion of the sales will be donated back to the PTO.

PTO MEETING

Please join us for our next PTO meeting on **February 7th at 7PM** at the Spring Ridge Media Center.

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