

DECEMBER 2023

A MESSAGE FROM MRS PETERSEN

Dear Spring Ridge Families,

In this season of gift giving, please accept our sincere appreciation for the gift of support you have shown Spring Ridge students and staff. We value your volunteerism with classroom and special projects, your attendance at school functions, your support for the PTO fundraisers, your presence when dropping off and picking up your children, the confidence you place in our teachers and the importance you see in the education of our children. Thank you for these gifts to us!

Please know that our focus for teaching and learning remains the same even during this busy month. We continue to focus on building reading skills through fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary building. Reserving a few minutes of pleasure reading as part of your child's nightly routine at home may be just the right amount of structure your child looks for during this busy time.

On behalf of the Spring Ridge staff, I would like to extend my best wishes to you and your family for a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season. Enjoy this special time of the year with your family and friends.

Laurinda Petersen

Spring Ridge Principal



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

December

- December 4 - PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM
- December 7 - 4th Grade Music Program, 6:00 PM / 5th Grade Music Program, 7:00 PM
- December 21-31 WINTER BREAK

January

- January 1 - WINTER BREAK
- January 2 - NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service
- January 5 - Report Cards Go Home
- January 15 - NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service
- January 22-26 - Kindergarten Registration for 2024-25 School Year
- January 22 - Literacy Night for Parents, 6-6:45 PM
- January 30 - Bingo Night, 6-6:45 PM (A-L) &
6:45-7:30 PM (M-Z)



WINTER BREAK



School will be dismissed for the Winter Break at 3:06 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20 and classes will resume on Wednesday, January 3, 2024. There is a Teacher In-Service Day on Tuesday, January 2nd.

RECESS AND WALKING CLUB



Just a reminder that students will be going outside each day for recess and walking club, weather permitting. Please make sure that your child dresses appropriately so that he or she can enjoy their time outdoors.

Please remember that school doors do not open until 7:55 AM for walking club. Please do not drop off your children before 7:55 AM. There is no supervision until 7:55 AM.



SAFETY PATROL



Safety patrol students will be at their posts throughout the winter months except during extreme weather. We always appreciate their leadership and assistance but especially during this time of year. Please thank these school leaders when you see them!



LOST & FOUND

The Lost & Found bin is in the front lobby of the school. Please check this bin when you are able to. It is helpful if you put your child's name in coats, hats, mittens, scarves, etc. We can easily return items to your child, if there is a name on the tag! All unclaimed lost and found items will be taken to Goodwill over Winter Break.



JOURNEY THROUGH LITERACY: COLLABORATIVE LEARNING NIGHT FOR PARENTS

In the journey of a child's education, the foundation laid in the early years is paramount. Research consistently highlights the significance of establishing strong reading fundamentals during these formative stages. As teachers at Spring Ridge, we would like to invite you to participate in a night of information, surrounding these early foundations of Reading. This will allow us to work together as a team, to bring success to each student during their literacy journey through Spring Ridge. **Please join us Monday January 22, 2024 at 6:00-6:45pm in the Spring Ridge Media Center to learn more.** For those that are unable to make accommodations, we will have three high school students available to supervise children during the meeting.



KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP



Spring Ridge Elementary is seeking to identify children who are eligible for kindergarten during the 2024-25 school year. If you have a child who will be in kindergarten for the 2024-25 school year, please register them during the week of January 22-26 on the District Website (www.elkhornweb.org). Kindergarten Round-Up will be held next spring. When you register your child on the District website, we will use the email addresses in that registration to communicate Kindergarten Round-up information and details with you, so it is super important to register your kindergarten student for the 2024-25 school year during the week of January 22-26 on the District Website. Please spread the word! We appreciate your help and support!



Note From The Nurse...

As cold and flu season ramps up, please continue to make sure that you and your children are practicing healthy habits like getting plenty of rest, drinking lots of water, and [hand washing/sanitizing](#). Thank you for screening your children daily and keeping them home when they don't feel well!

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

| I HAVE A FEVER | I AM VOMITING | I HAVE DIARRHEA | I HAVE A RASH | I HAVE HEAD LICE | I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION | I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL |
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| | | | | | | |
| Temperature of 100 degrees F or higher | Within the past 24 hours | Within the past 24 hours | Body rash with itching or fever | Itchy head, active head lice | Redness, itching, and/or pus draining from eye | Hospital stay and/or emergency room visit |

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...

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| Fever free without the assistance of medication for 24 hours (i.e., Tylenol, Motrin, Advil) | Free from vomiting for 24 hours. | Free from diarrhea for 24 hours. | Free from rash, itching or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed. | Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home. | Free from drainage and/or have been evaluated by my doctor if needed. | Released by my medical provider to return to school. |
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If your child has strep throat or another bacterial infection, he/she should stay home until the antibiotic has been given for at least 24 hours and your health care provider has given permission for your child to return to school. We encourage you to seek medical attention when your child is sick and to follow your health care provider's recommendations about returning to school and other activities.

-Health Screens-

Health screens in the areas of height/weight, dental, hearing, and vision have been completed on all K-4th, 7th, and 10th grade students as well as students new to the district. Parents will be notified of abnormal results by a referral letter. ***If you receive a referral letter, please visit the applicable health care provider and return the bottom part of the form to the office.***

Thank you!
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SPRING RIDGE ELEMENTARY

DECEMBER 2023

PTO NEWS

SEASONS GREETINGS

2024 is quickly approaching and with that comes more events and opportunities to help out with the Spring Ridge PTO. Stay tuned for ways you can support our students and staff!

MAGGIE BROCKMANN
PRESIDENT

HANNAH WIEGER
PRESIDENT-ELECT

IMPORTANT DATES

12/04: PTO Meeting @
7:00 PM

12/04- Celebration of
12/06 Giving Drop Off

12/07: 4th & 5th Grade
Music Programs

12/21- NO SCHOOL:
01/02 WINTER BREAK

UPDATE



Starting in 2024, PTO meetings will now be starting at 6:30pm. Childcare will be provided and we hope to see you all there!




HAPPENING IN OUR DISTRICT

Elkhorn South Cheer Fundraiser:
Candy Cane My Yard
Details and sign up information can be found [here](#).



CAREER FAIR

MARCH 27, 2024
5:00 - 8:00 PM
ELKHORN SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

REGISTER BY DECEMBER 15 AT
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/EPSCAREERFAIR](https://bit.ly/epscareerfair)

We are excited to announce that business registrations for the inaugural Elkhorn Public Schools Career Fair, scheduled for March 27, 2024, from 5:00 - 8:00 PM, are now open. This event will be an excellent opportunity for students to explore business industries and make meaningful career connections, while also showcasing the commitment of local organizations to community involvement. If your business is interested in participating, [please click here to register by Friday, December 15, 2023.](#)

CUSTOM BOW DECORATING

Elkhorn North's

WINTER

junior cheer clinic

January 6th 2024

Clinic: 9-11:30am @ ENHS

Performance: During Halftime of the 1:00pm Girls basketball game

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP, SCAN THIS QR CODE OR VISIT

[HTTPS://SITES.GOOGLE.COM/EPsNE.ORG/ENHSCHEER/JUNIOR-CHEER?AUTHUSER=0](https://sites.google.com/epsne.org/enhscheer/junior-cheer?authuser=0)

HOSTED BY THE ELKHORN HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS

SILENT Disco

TICKETS: \$14 EA
Event will be held at Elkhorn High School 2400 Veterans Dr.

SATURDAY, DEC. 2
7 PM - 9 PM

Scan the QR code or visit <https://sites.google.com/epsne.org/epsne> for more information and to buy tickets.

Dancing, concessions, souvenirs, free photo booth, activities, and more!
Each participant is loaned a pair of headphones to tune into/switch between one of two live DJs.

TICKETS ARE LIMITED • BUY YOURS TODAY



Hot News

Starting December 1st, the Spring Ridge PTO will be doing 3 drawings for a \$50 Amazon Gift Card for families who are registered in our PTO Directory.



Hot News



DONATE TODAY!

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP US
STOCK UP OUR STAFF'S LOUNGE?**

**EACH MONTH WE WILL BE
SUPPLYING OUR STAFF SNACKS
AND DRINKS. IF YOU WANT TO
HELP US, PLEASE SIGN-UP!**

**OR YOU CAN PURCHASE FROM
THE PTO AMAZON WISHLIST ONE
OF THE SNACK OPTIONS AND WE
WILL STOCK FOR YOU!**

STAFF LOUNGE RESTOCK



HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE PTO DIRECTORY

1 Visit www.SpringRidgePto.com

2 Click on the Portal Home Button

3 Click Register

4 Once registered- click Groups and find your student's teacher

5 Click Join Group to add your student to the class directory

www.SpringRidgePto.com





SPRING RIDGE PTO
Celebration
OF GIVING

The Celebrating of Giving Project sponsors gifts to families within our community and is an annual project of the Elkhorn Schools and Womenade of Elkhorn. These families have been identified as needing some special assistance during this time of year.

Select a Donation by clicking [here](#)

Sign-Up Genius

Steps to Take

- Purchase item and gift wrap
- Firmly secure item name and number to outside of wrapped gift.

December 4 - 6: Please return the wrapped item to Spring Ridge Elementary Office. All gifts must be dropped off no later than Wednesday, December 6th at 3:00 PM.



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