

JANUARY 2024

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!

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, and sending them with a water bottle to keep them hydrated.

Best wishes to you and your family in the year 2024!!!

Laurinda Petersen

Spring Ridge Principal



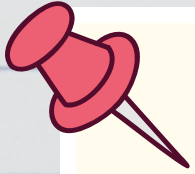
UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- 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)

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 April 1-May 3.

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.



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!



❄️❄️ **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.



SPRING RIDGE ELEMENTARY

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PTO NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES

01/03: Red Robin Social
All Day

01/22- Literacy Night

01/22- Kindergarten
01/26 Registration

01/30: Bingo For Books

Last Names:

A-L- 6:00 PM
M-Z- 6:45 PM

WELCOME 2024!

We hope everyone had a relaxing and joyful holiday season. With the New Year comes new resolutions and the PTO is hoping to adopt some new events and provide new items for our school and students this year.

MAGGIE BROCKMANN
PRESIDENT

HANNAH WIEGER
PRESIDENT-ELECT

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!



BINGO
FOR
BOOKS

**JANUARY
30
2024**

FAMILIES WITH LAST NAMES:
A-L: 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM
M-Z: 6:45 PM - 7:30 PM

POPCORN AND WATER
AVAILABLE!

**SAVE
THE
DATE**



WHO WANTS TO COOK RIGHT AFTER RETURNING TO SCHOOL? NOT US.

Join us on Wednesday, January 3rd for a Spring Ridge Social at Red Robin. 20% of orders will be donated back to the school.

Visit in person at 2627 S. 180th St or
order online at order.redrobin.com and in the menu click on Fundraisers(to-go only)



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2627 S. 180TH ST: ALL DAY

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