

FEBRUARY 2024

A MESSAGE FROM MRS PETERSEN

Dear Spring Ridge Families,

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.

Laurinda Petersen

Spring Ridge Principal





UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- February 5 - PTO Meeting, 6:30 PM
- February 8 - 2nd Grade Music Program, 6 PM / 3rd Grade Music Program, 7 PM
- February 9 - Valentine's Day Parties, 2:30 pm
- February 13-14 Parent/Teacher Conferences; Early Dismissal 2:06 PM - Mid Quarter Reports are given to parents at Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- February 15 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service
- February 16 - NO SCHOOL
- February 22 - Book Swap
- February 26 - 4th Grade Field Trip to Lincoln

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.

IT'S AGAIN TIME FOR PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

February 13 and 14 are Parent/Teacher Conferences. We will once again be using the online scheduler, Pick-A-Time, to schedule PT Conferences just like we have in the past. A handout was sent home with students on January 26th 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 Monday, January 29th and it will close at 11:59 PM on Sunday, February 11th. If you have any questions, please contact the Spring Ridge Office at 402-637-0204.

There is an early dismissal on both February 13 and February 14 at 2:06 PM with a Teacher In-Service on Thursday, February 15th and NO SCHOOL on Friday, February 16th.



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!



Note from the Nurse...



Thank you for keeping your child home when they don't feel well. **CHILDREN SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL FOR THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

- Contagious diseases such as chickenpox, measles, mumps, pink eye, etc.
- Skin eruptions or suspicious rash
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Abnormal temperature (Elkhorn Public Schools

complies with the Douglas County Health Department recommendation that a child may not stay at school if temperature is 100 degrees or more and should not return to school until fever-free for 24 hours.)

- Head lice

A child absent from school because of a skin disease or other infectious or contagious disease may be required to present a statement from a doctor upon returning to school.

-Health Screens-

If your student received a referral letter after health screenings, please follow-up with the appropriate health care provider and return completed referral forms to the school. **This is not required.** Referrals are meant to bridge the gap between regular health check-ups.

It's not too early to start scheduling your school and sports physicals!



- o 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 tests for strabismus, amblyopia, and acuity)** dated after **February 13, 2024**, as well as a current immunization record including the Kindergarten booster shots. Here is the [Summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations](#)

****Health records should be submitted to school prior to the first student day on August 13, 2024.**

Thank you!
Elizabeth Page, BSN/RN
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“Lego.” and Get Connected To Reading!

The Spring Ridge Winter Reading Program is an opportunity for students (and teachers) to escape the winter “blahs” and focus on the joy of reading as a school community.

When: February 2024
Theme: Let’s Get “Connected” To Reading!

Throughout the month:

- Students will be given a sheet to track their reading each week in February, beginning February 5. Tracking sheets will go home in Friday Folders.
- Favorite staff books will be shared on the Eagle Report
- The library will host a Lego contest, featuring students’ favorite books
- And more fun in class activities!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

February 29th: To celebrate our commitment to reading this month, students are invited to dress up like their favorite book character! Then our older classes will team up with younger classes to read together.

District News

For Parents/Guardians:

[NetSmartz](#) - Discussion starters, tip sheets, videos

[Common Sense Media](#) - Media reviews and maturity guidelines by age

[Smart Social](#) - Resources (360+ Teen Slang, Emojis, 130+ Popular Teen App List)

[Thorn for Parents](#) - Conversation Starters, Discussion Guides, Information

[ScreenSanity](#) - Resources and guidebooks for raising children in an increasingly digital world

Youth:

[No Filtr](#) - Also on TikTok

[Your Life Your Voice](#) - Connect youth with trained Boys Town counselors

Report:

[CyberTipline](#) - Make a full report to the CyberTipline

[Take It Down](#) - Upload an image's hash number to have it removed from partnering platforms



School to Home Communication Reminder

Inclement weather announcements are communicated via phone call, email, and text message. If you did not receive a text message, please text "Yes" to 67587. This step is required to opt-in and receive text messages from EPS. If you did not receive a phone call or email, please contact your building.

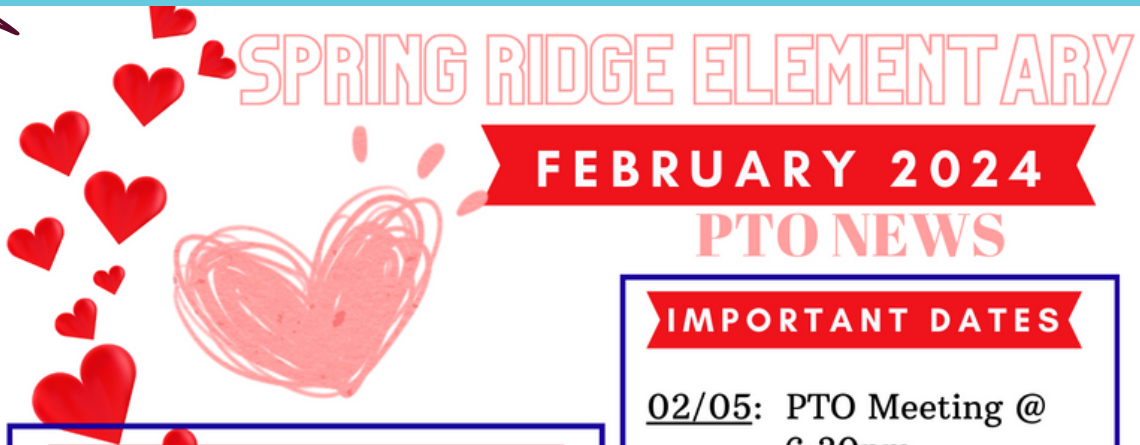
**CONTACT
INFORMATION**
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2024-25 Kindergarten and New Student Registration

If you have a child who will attend kindergarten during the 2024-2025 school year (students must be at least 5 years of age by July 31, 2024, to attend Kindergarten), please register them beginning the week of January 22, 2024, on the District Website (www.elkhornweb.org). When you register your child on the District website, we will use the email address in that registration to communicate Kindergarten Round-up information and details with you.

Additionally, any K-12th grade student not currently enrolled in an EPS school, with a planned start date prior to May 23, 2025, should visit <https://www.elkhornweb.org/parents/new-students/> to register for the 2024-25 year school.





SPRING RIDGE ELEMENTARY

FEBRUARY 2024

PTO NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES

- 02/05: PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 02/08 2nd & 3rd Grade Music Program
- 02/09: Valentine's Day Parties @ 2:30pm
- 02/13: PT Conferences
- 02/14: PT Conferences
- 02/22: Book Swap

BE MINE

Welcome to the February edition of our newsletter! February is a month of love, and we have some exciting content to share with you. We have compiled a list of fun events that will brighten up your February. From the obvious (Valentine's Day) to the not-so-obvious (Cow Milked While Flying in an Airplane Day), we have got you covered.

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!





Spring Ridge Elementary

VALENTINE'S DAY *party*

FEB **09** 2:30 PM

**PLEASE MAKE SURE TO BRING VALENTINE'S
FOR THE ENTIRE CLASS**

Check with your student's teacher to know what their
class is doing for Valentine's Day boxes





FEBRUARY 13TH & 14TH

USED SPIRIT WEAR

BROWSE & TAKE

WEREN'T ABLE TO PURCHASE SPRING RIDGE GEAR THIS YEAR? CHECK OUT THE USED AND DONATED SPRING RIDGE GEAR DURING PT CONFERENCES.

FREE FOR ANYONE WHO IS WANTING NEW-TO-THEM SPIRIT WEAR.



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES



SPRING RIDGE MEDIA CENTER



SPRING RIDGE SPIRIT WEAR DONATIONS



DROP-OFF LOCATION

DO YOU HAVE OLD SPRING RIDGE GEAR THAT NO LONGER FITS YOUR STUDENTS? IS IT CLUTTERING UP YOUR DRAWERS AND CLOSETS? DONATE YOUR USED SPIRIT WEAR NOW!
DROP OFF BOXES LOCATED IN THE FRONT DOOR VESTIBULE AT THE SCHOOL



FEBRUARY SPECIAL DAYS



- ♥ FEB 1: NATIONAL DARK CHOCOLATE DAY
- ♥ FEB 2: NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY
- ♥ FEB 3: NATIONAL EAT ICE CREAM FOR BREAKFAST DAY
- ♥ FEB 7: NATIONAL GIRLS IN SPORTS DAY
- ♥ FEB 8: NATIONAL BOY SCOUT DAY
- ♥ FEB 11: NATIONAL MAKE A FRIEND DAY
- ♥ FEB 17: NATIONAL RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY
- ♥ FEB 20: NATIONAL LOVE YOUR PET DAY

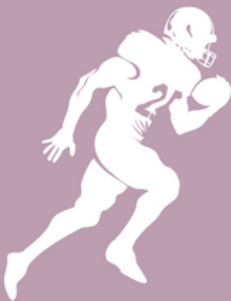


VALENTINE BOX IDEAS:

- TAYLOR SWIFT
- PATRICK MAHOMES
- MINECRAFT
- BARBIE
- CAMPER
- PANDA BEAR
- MINIONS
- FOOTBALL FIELD
- MAKEUP VANITY

CAN YOUR STUDENT TAKE PART IN ONE OF THESE SPECIAL DAYS?

SEND PHOTOS TO CONTACT@SPRINGRIDGEPTO.COM SO WE CAN PUT THEM ON OUR WEBSITE AND EMAILS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY!



2024 SUPER BOWL: FEB 11

PAST HALFTIME PERFORMANCES

- 2023: RHIANNA
- 2022: 1990'S RAP
- 2021: THE WEEKND
- 2020: JLO AND SHAKIRA
- 2019: MAROON 5
- 2018: JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE
- LADY GAGA

FEEDBACK? SUGGESTIONS?

WE LOVE GETTING FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS AND SUGGESTIONS! PLEASE SEND US AN EMAIL WITH YOUR THOUGHTS!



SPRING RIDGE ELEMENTARY

2024

BOOK

SWAP

STUDENTS WILL GET TO SWAP FOR NEW TO THEM BOOKS

**22,
FEBRUARY
2024**

BOOK DONATIONS

FEB 12, 13, 14,
19, 20

STUDENTS WHO DONATE GET
TO SWAP FOR 3 NEW TO THEM
BOOKS

LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION IN
FRIDAY FOLDERS



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE FIRST

PTO MEETING

OF THE 2024

SCHOOL YEAR!

WHO?

PARENTS
GUARDIANS
TEACHERS
STAFF

WHEN?

MONDAY,
FEBRUARY
5TH FROM
6:30-7:30PM

WHERE?

SPRING
RIDGE
MEDIA
CENTER

WHAT TO EXPECT

- 4TH GRADE TEACHERS PRESENT
- UPCOMING EVENTS/VOLUNTEER
- EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINATING FORMS
- OPEN COMMITTEE CHAIR POSITIONS

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE DURING THE MEETING

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