

DECEMBER 2024

## 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 2 - PTO Meeting, 6:30 PM
- December 23-31 WINTER BREAK

### January

- January 1-2 - WINTER BREAK
- January 3 - NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service
- January 10 - Report Cards Go Home
- January 20 - NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service
- January 20-24 - Kindergarten Online Registration for 2025-26 School Year
- January 23 - Family Literacy Night, 6 PM
- January 28 - 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 Friday, December 20 and classes will resume on Monday, January 6, 2025. There is a Teacher In-Service Day on Friday, January 3rd.

## 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 Thursday January 23, 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.



## SPRING RIDGE KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Spring Ridge Elementary is seeking to identify children who are eligible for kindergarten during the 2025-26 school year. If you have a child who will be in kindergarten for the 2025-26 school year, please register them during the week of January 20-24 on the District Website ([www.elkhornweb.org](http://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 2025-26 school year during the week of January 20-24 on the District Website. Please spread the word! We appreciate your help and support!





## Upcoming District Events

- Elkhorn High School Junior Dance Clinic:  
Details and registration information can be found [here](#).
- ENHS Junior Cheer Clinic:  
Details and registration information can be found [here](#).

### **EPS Career Exploration Fair: Now Accepting Business Vendors**

Business registrations are now being accepted for the annual Elkhorn Public Schools Career Exploration Fair, scheduled for March 26, 2025, from 5:30 - 7:30 PM.

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.](#)

**WOLVES** \$55

# Winter JUNIOR CHEER

DECEMBER 7, 2024

9-11:30 [AT] ENHS

PERFORM AT HALFTIME OF THE GIRLS BASKETBALL GAME THAT AFTERNOON!

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)

**SIGN UP & PAY BY DEC 2ND TO RECEIVE A SHIRT, BOW & POM POMS!!**



PurposeFULL People  
Character & Strong

## EMPATHY

is understanding and connecting  
to other people's feelings

PurposeFULL  
People

What are we learning  
in guidance?

- [Kindergarten](#)
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## Spring Ridge PTO

**DECEMBER 2024**

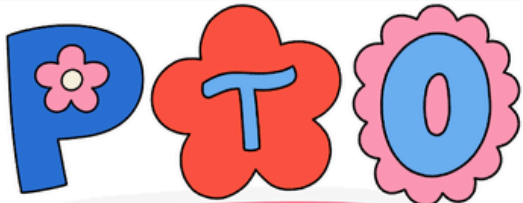
### IMPORTANT DATES

- 12/02: PTO MEETING @ 6:30PM
- 12/02: CELEBRATION OF GIVING  
END OF SIGN-UP
- 12/04: RETURN WRAPPED  
CELEBRATION OF GIVING  
GIFTS
- 12/13: STAFF GIFT WRAPPING  
VOLUNTEER DAY
- 12/16: SPRING RIDGE SOCIAL:  
BURGER DETOUR
- 12/23-  
12/31: NO SCHOOL

### CELEBRATION OF GIVING

SPRING RIDGE PTO HAS PARTNERED WITH WOMENADE OF ELKHORN TO HELP SUPPORT FAMILIES WITHIN THE ELKHORN COMMUNITY. PLEASE CONSIDER SELECTING A "MITTEN" FROM OUR VIRTUAL GIVING TREE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. WRAPPED GIFTS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL BY DECEMBER 4TH. WE ARE SO LUCKY TO HAVE A SCHOOL THAT HELPS COMPLETE THIS LIST EVERY YEAR.

MAGGIE BROCKMANN    HANNAH WIEGER  
PRESIDENT            PRESIDENT-ELECT



**MEETING**

5th GRADE TEACHERS  
WILL BE PRESENTING

**CHILDCARE  
AVAILABLE**

**DECEMBER 02, 2024**



## **SPRING RIDGE SOCIAL**

15% of the gross  
earnings donated  
back to our school!

DECEMBER 16 • MONDAY  
PACIFIC LOCATION  
203RD & PACIFIC





*Holiday*  
**GIFT WRAPPING**

Spring Ridge PTO Staff Appreciation is wanting to help out our staff by wrapping Holiday Gifts this season! We are in need of wrapping supplies. Can you help donate?

- Wrapping Paper
- Ribbon
- Bows
- Name Tags

Please drop off in the Wrapping Supplies tote in the front office





## PLEASE SELECT A MITTEN

from our

# VIRTUAL GIVING TREE

On now until Dec 2, 2024

Will you consider helping out an Elkhorn family this holiday season? We are needing Spring Ridge families to select a virtual mitten and drop off wrapped gifts to Spring Ridge Elementary.

**How to Donate:**

Bring wrapped gifts with the Family ID secured on the outside of gift to Spring Ridge Elementary by December 04.

**Our Mission:**

Spring Ridge PTO is wanting to clear the virtual Giving Tree this season! Please select a virtual mitten today!





# HOW TO REACH US

DON'T HESITATE TO ASK EVERYTHING ABOUT US!



**SPRING RIDGE PTO**



**CONTACT@SPRINGRIDGEPTO.COM**



**WWW.SPRINGRIDGEPTO.COM**



**17830 SHADOW RIDGE DRIVE**

**MORE INFO:**

**SIGN-UP FOR PTO EMAILS!**





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