

JANUARY 2025

## 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 2025!!!

*Laurinda Petersen*

Spring Ridge Principal

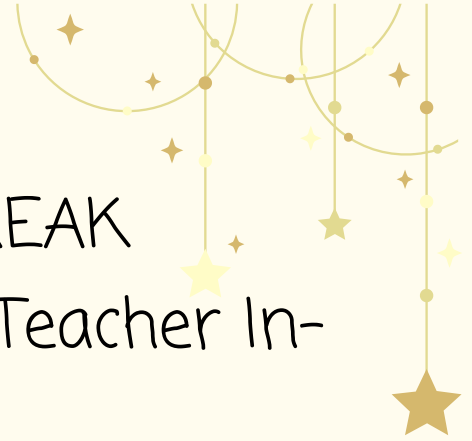




## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES



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 23 - Family Literacy Night, 6 PM  
In library
- January 27-31 - Kindergarten Online  
Registration for 2025-26 School Year
- January 28 - Bingo Night, 6-6:45 PM (A-L)  
& 6:45-7:30 PM (M-Z)



## 2025-26 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION



If you have a child who will attend kindergarten during the 2025-26 school year (students must be at least 5 years of age by July 31, 2025, to attend Kindergarten), registration will open beginning the week of January 27 on the District Website ([www.elkhornweb.org](http://www.elkhornweb.org)). Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on Friday, April 4, 2025. 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.



## 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.



## 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.

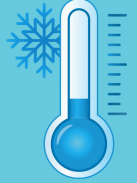


- Are you driving too fast?
- Are you in too big of a hurry?
- Are you parking illegally?
- Are you asking a child to cross through traffic?
- Do you allow your child to ride without a seatbelt?

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.

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 a.m.

Thank you.



## NSCAS TESTING TIMELINE

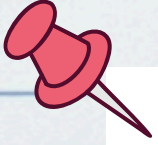


All students in grades three through eight, as well as 11th grades, will take part in NSCAS (Nebraska Student Centered Assessment System). Results from the NSCAS will be used to identify strengths and areas of need across the district, as well as for each individual student.

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 24 - April 18.



### *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 without meds.)
- 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, it is greatly appreciated if you 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 12, 2025**, 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 12, 2025.**

***Thank you!***

***Elizabeth Page, BSN/RN***

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## PERSEVERANCE

is pushing yourself  
to work through challenges  
and obstacles

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in guidance?

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## BINGO For Books

*Join us on Tuesday, January 28th for our annual  
Bingo For Books event in the school gym! Every  
student a winner!*

**TUESDAY**

**06.00-  
07.30 PM**

**28  
JANUARY**

**POPCORN PROVIDED!**



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