

FEBRUARY 2025

## 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



- February 3 - PTO Meeting, 6:30 PM
- February 7 - Valentine's Day Parties, 2:30 pm
- February 11-12 - Parent/Teacher Conferences;  
Early Dismissal 2:06 PM - Mid Quarter  
Reports are given to parents at Parent/Teacher  
Conferences.
- February 13 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service
- February 14 - NO SCHOOL
- February 20 - Book Swap
- February 27 - 2nd Gr. Music Program, 5:30 PM  
/ 3rd Gr. Music Program, 6:30 PM



## IT'S AGAIN TIME FOR PARENT/TEACHER A+ CONFERENCES

February 11 and 12 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 24th 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 27th and it will close at 11:59 PM on Sunday, February 9th. If you have any questions, please contact the Spring Ridge Office at 402-637-0204. There is an early dismissal on both February 11 and February 12 at 2:06 PM with a Teacher In-Service on Thursday, February 13th and NO SCHOOL on Friday, February 14th.



## 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. 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 **no earlier than February 13th, 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***

***epage@epsne.org***



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in guidance?

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## DISTRICT NEWS

### Free Activity Passes for Active and Veteran Military Members

The EPS Board of Education recently approved an addition to Policy 1006.07 "Activity Passes" to offer free activity passes to residents of the District who have served or are currently serving in any branch of the United States Armed Forces. Passes can be obtained at the EPS Central Administration Office at 20650 Glenn St during normal business hours. Proof of residency and military service is required.

### 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 to opt-in and receive text messages from EPS. If you did not receive a phone call or email, please contact your building.*

### 2025-26 Kindergarten Registration

Registration for children 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), is now open at <https://www.elkhornweb.org/parents/new-students/>. 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.

@/walkforbreastcancer and @/elknorthfccla

**WALK FOR WOMENS CANCER** \*

@ELKHORN  
NORTH  
FEB. 15TH  
2-6PM

All money raised will go to help Women's Cancer through UNMC!

Tickets are \$5 for entry, OR \$10 for entry and 1 big prize ticket.

Walk laps to earn tickets to enter in for prizes!

Concessions, games, and so much more!

**We can't wait to see you there!**



Calling all  
**“FUTURE CHEFS”**  
for our CULINARY  
COMPETITION



**15<sup>th</sup>** Anniversary  
**Future Chefs**  
National Challenge  
by *sodexo*

**3<sup>RD</sup>, 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
STUDENTS**

**SUBMIT YOUR FAVORITE  
MAIN DISH RECIPE!!**

One lucky winner from each school will be chosen as finalists to compete in our contest at Elkhorn North High School on **March 11, 2025**. As a bonus, the winner of this event will be entered in a Future Chefs National Challenge for some great prizes!



Student Recipe Submission Portal will open on  
December 2, 2024

*Need a paper recipe form? Just ask our kitchen staff!*

## Spring Ridge PTO

FEBRUARY 2025



### WE LOVE OUR EAGLES

WE ARE SO HAPPY WITH THE RESPONSE WE HAVE SEEN ON FAMILY SUPPORT THIS ACADEMIC YEAR AT SPRING RIDGE.

THE PTO STRIVES TO HOLD MANY ENJOYABLE EVENTS FOR STUDENTS, STAFF, AND FAMILIES BUT THAT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT FAMILY DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERING.

WE HAVE MORE EVENTS COMING SOON! PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING BY VOLUNTEERING OR DONATING!



MAGGIE BROCKMANN  
PRESIDENT

HANNAH WIEGER  
PRESIDENT-ELECT

### IMPORTANT DATES

02/03: PTO MEETING @ 6:30PM

02/07: VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES

02/11: EARLY DISMISSAL: 2:06 P/T CONFERENCES

02/12: EARLY DISMISSAL: 2:06 P/T CONFERENCES

02/13- NO SCHOOL  
02/14:

02/20: BOOK SWAP

02/27: 2ND/3RD GRADE MUSIC PROGRAM

**P T O**

**MEETING**

4TH GRADE  
TEACHERS WILL BE  
PRESENTING

**CHILDCARE  
AVAILABLE**

**FEBRUARY 03, 2025**





## **CLASSROOM VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY**

**02.07.25 | 2:30 PM**

**CLASSROOM PARENT VOLUNTEER  
SIGN-UP SENT THROUGH PTO EMAIL**

**MAKE SURE YOU ARE SUBSCRIBED!**



Save the Date!

→ **BOOK SWAP**

February  
20th!

Drop off gently used books your family no longer needs and your student will be able to pick out new-to-them books in return!

Write your student's name, grade, and teacher on a piece of painter's tape on the **OUTSIDE** of at least one book. Place your donated books into the bins at the front of school from **February 10-18th**.

Students who choose to participate will be called down throughout the day on **Thursday, February 20th** to pick new books!





## PTO MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

6:30PM

4th Grade Teachers will be presenting on what is happening in 4th grade and will be taking questions.

Other Topics:

- Valentine's Day Parties
- Book Swap
- Staff Appreciation Week
- PTO Board Nominations

Childcare Provided!

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## SPRING RIDGE PTO EXECUTIVE BOARD



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OMAHA, NE 68130

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to you as the current President of the Spring Ridge Elementary PTO who is completing out her final year on the board! As you may know, the PTO is a volunteer organization that works to support the school, staff, and students throughout the academic year. Through our PTO we have been able to organize events like the end-of-year Carnival, Bingo 4 Books, classroom holiday parties, our back-to-school event, and so much more!

Every year the Spring Ridge PTO seeks nominations for the upcoming academic year's Executive Board. The PTO Executive Board is responsible for overseeing the activities of the PTO, managing its finances, and organizing events, fundraisers and more!

Are you interested in being a bigger part of your student's school life? Do you have a passion for student enjoyment and helping make school and education more enjoyable? Would you love to be able to help support Spring Ridge staff?

We are currently accepting nominations for our PTO Executive board and if you said yes to any of the above, you would make an **EXCELLENT** addition to the team!

The President position is automatically filled by our sitting Vice-President, Hannah Wieger. We are lucky enough to also have returning members willing to continue in their positions for next year, but we are accepting nominations for all positions.

The office of the Vice-President is being vacated at the end of this year and is open for nominations. The Vice President is responsible for helping lead the PTO alongside the President. The Vice-President will also step-in for the President if the President is unable to fulfill their duties, such as leading PTO meetings. The Vice-President position is elected to serve up to a two-year term and then stepping into the President's position following that term.

We will be presenting the slate of nominations for all officers at the March 3rd PTO meeting and the election of the officers will be held at the April 7th PTO meeting. If you are interested in nominating yourself or another parent for any Executive Board position, please submit your nomination by Friday, February 28th. You can fill out the following form and return to the front office or email your nomination to [contact@SpringRidgePto.com](mailto:contact@SpringRidgePto.com).

Thank you for your consideration,

*Maggie Brockmann*  
President, Spring Ridge Elementary PTO



**SPRING RIDGE PTO  
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**NOMINATION  
FORM**

**PTO NOMINATION FORM**

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in serving on the 2025-2026 Spring Ridge Elementary PTO Executive Board.  
Positions I would be interested in are:

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary

I would like to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the office of:

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary

I would love to be a part of the PTO and am interested more in a role as a participating member or even part of a committee! I would love to be contacted about these opportunities for next year at:



\_\_\_\_\_

Please note: The office of the President is not a nominated position as the sitting Vice-President takes on that office at the conclusion of their term.

**Thank you for your interest in supporting Spring Ridge PTO! Please return this form to the school by Friday, February 28th OR email your nomination to [contact@SpringRidgePTO.com](mailto:contact@SpringRidgePTO.com)**



# HOW TO REACH US

DON'T HESITATE TO ASK EVERYTHING ABOUT US!



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**17830 SHADOW RIDGE DRIVE**

**MORE INFO:**

**SIGN-UP FOR PTO EMAILS!**



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