

MAY 2025

A MESSAGE FROM MRS PETERSEN

Dear Spring Ridge Families,

It's hard to believe that we have only one month to go before the end of the year. Where does the time go? The next few weeks will be exciting and filled with many activities in the classroom. Our goal for this last month is to keep students on a routine that will maintain a positive learning environment in the classrooms.

Fun Day will be held on Friday, May 16. This is a time to celebrate our year while participating in team activities. If you plan on having lunch with your child, please fill out the form attached to the newsletter and return it to school by Friday, May 2. Thank you!

"Plant Seeds of Kindness" was our theme this year at Spring Ridge Elementary. It has been rewarding to work with your students and observe how each individual student has grown over this academic year. They have reached far and high and due to their dedication, the guidance of a teacher, and your continued support, the students have truly met great success!

Sadly, we will be saying farewell to Ms. Sanne, Ms. Arbuckle, Ms. Lewis, and Ms. Ohlendorf as they will assist me in opening Stone Pointe Elementary in August. Ms. Manske, Ms. Boll, Ms. Dunn, and Ms. McManus are retiring, giving them the opportunity to spend more time with family and explore other hobbies and interests. Ms. Wilson, our school psychologist, is resigning to be able to provide more care for her family and to be able to travel to see her kids. Ms. Baker is going to substitute teach full time, and Debra Quinn is moving over to Skyline to support their special education needs. Mr. Parker is moving up to ERMS to be a PE Teacher as he already coaches there. These all have been wonderful staff members and have made significant contributions to Spring Ridge elementary. We appreciate all that they have done to make Spring Ridge a better school. They will be missed!

Thank you for a great school year! I feel truly blessed to have been the Principal at Spring Ridge for the last 12 years! It has been an absolute pleasure to work with so many wonderful students, staff members, and parents. I have appreciated your dedication and support. There are endless fond memories that I will take with me which I will always treasure! Please have a safe and happy summer!

Laurinda Petersen

Spring Ridge Principal





UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

May 

- May 1 - K Music Program, 5:30 PM / 1st Grade Music Program, 6:30 PM
- May 5 - PTO Meeting, 6:30 PM
- May 5 - 5th Grade visits ERMS
- May 9 - CARNIVAL
- May 9 - 4th Grade NE Day
- May 13 - SR is a polling place for the City General Election
- May 15 - 5th Grade Track & Field Day
- May 16 - Fun Day
- May 23 - LAST DAY / 5th GRADUATION@ 9:30AM - Report Cards Go Home
- May 27 - NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service



July/August



- July 29 & 30 - New Student Registration
- August 7 - Open House (A-M from 5:30-6:00; N-Z from 6:00-6:30)
- August 12 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL





LEARNING CAN CONTINUE IN THE SUMMER



Have fun with your child this summer, but don't let learning take a vacation. Here are some things you can do with your children to keep their minds active and to give them good starts in school next fall.

1. Play word games and reading games. Try looking for letters of the alphabet on signs as you drive. Play "I Spy," Scrabble and Pictionary - all help develop vocabulary skills!
2. Read Together. Research shows that the most important way parents can help their children become better readers is by encouraging them to read at home.
3. Visit the library.
4. Develop creative writing skills. Buy a notebook and encourage your child to keep a summer journal - recording one event a week; drawing pictures; inventing some stories. You might "publish" some of these stories by sending them to grandparents or friends.
5. Write letters. If your family goes on vacation this summer, have the children write a letter or email to the departments of tourism in the states that you intend to visit.
6. Learn how things work. Give your child a broken alarm clock or another gadget you were going to throw away. Let them take it apart.
7. Keep household financial records. Before you go shopping, have children read ads and compare costs.
8. Plan outings together.
9. Put on shows. A few yards of cloth, some out of style clothing, and imagination are all it takes to transform your living room or backyard into a theater.
10. Learn a new sport together.
11. Study the weather.
12. Learn to cook!

Although busy parents may find some of the activities difficult, even 15-20 minutes spent each day on joint projects with your children may pay big dividends. Have a happy and educational summer




IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING BACK TO SCHOOL 101 FOR 2025-26:

We will be asking families to complete forms online again this year.

Therefore, we feel no need to have a Back to School 101.

(School pictures will be taken after school starts.)

There is information in the District Reminders section of this newsletter regarding setting up an account in Power School as well as adding K-3 students to accounts that you already have for a child in 4th-12th grade. The district will email you this summer to let you know when the online forms are ready for you to complete. We will let you know how to access your child(ren)'s teacher's name once you have completed the online forms. Please be sure we have an up-to-date email address for you, so you get this communication.



2025-26 KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5TH GRADE OPEN HOUSE

K-5 Open House will be held on Thursday, August 7 from 5:30-6:30 PM. We ask that those with last names A-K try to attend between 5:30 and 6:00 and and those with last names L-Z attend between 6:00 and 6:30 PM. The first day of school for the 2025-26 school year will be Tuesday, August 12. (Curriculum information will once again be emailed by teachers to parents.)



A Note from the Nurse...

- Summer is on its way which means lots of end of the year outdoor activities! Remember to apply **sunscreen** to your child before he/she comes to school to avoid the risk of sunburn.

It's time to schedule your child's school and sports physicals!

- 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 12th, 2025. A current immunization record including the Kindergarten booster shots is also required. Here is the [Summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations](#)
- 5th grade students wanting to participate in a sport at the middle school level must have a **sports physical** completed sometime after **May 1st, 2025** and uploaded to [rschool](#).



****Forms can be uploaded to PowerSchool during the registration process in August, but please click "Actual Size" or use the scan feature when uploading with a smartphone.**

****Health records should be submitted to school prior to the first student day on August 12th, 2025.**

Medication Pick-Up



The school is not able to store medication over the summer. Please remember, all student medications must be picked up by a parent/guardian from the health office no later than Friday May 23rd, or it will be properly disposed of.

Have a fantastic summer!

Elizabeth Page, RN, BSN
epage@epsne.org



PurposeFULL People
Character Strong

Creativity

is using your imagination
to create something new
or solve a problem

PurposeFULL
People

What are we learning in
guidance?

- [Kindergarten](#)
- [1st Grade](#)
- [2nd Grade](#)
- [3rd Grade](#)
- [4th Grade](#)
- [5th Grade](#)



Spring Ridge Fun Day and Picnic Friday, May 16, 2025

Grade	Activities	Lunch
5	- - -	11:55-12:25
4	8:45-10:45	11:25-11:55
3	8:45-10:45	11:15-11:45
2	8:45-10:45	11:05-11:35
1	12:45-2:45	11:45-12:15
K	12:45-2:45	11:35-12:05

Students will use their regular lunch code for the picnic lunch and lunch counts will be taken at school.

Parents are welcome to join us for the activities and picnic. **If you are planning to join us for lunch, please complete the form below and return it along with your payment to school by Friday, May 2.** The lunch on Friday, May 16 will be a sack lunch that includes: a hot dog, Sun Chips or Doritos, carrots, apple slices, cinnamon or chocolate cookies, and milk. This will be the only meal choice served that day.

(Please return this portion to the office - one per family only if you are planning on attending and ordering additional meals)

Price	Quantity	Final amount enclosed
Additional meals (\$4.80)	_____	\$ _____

(These Additional meals are for adults or siblings of Spring Ridge students. All additional meals, whether for an adult or a sibling, will be charged the same price. We are only reimbursed with federal funds for students/children who attend Spring Ridge.)

() I am attaching a check or cash for the extra lunch(es).

() Please charge the extra lunch(es) to my child's account # _____

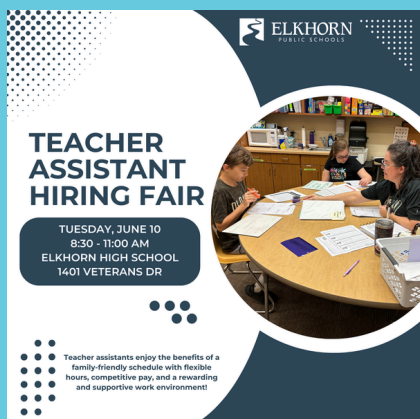
Student's Name _____ Teacher's Name _____

DISTRICT NEWS

Summer Athletics and Activities Camps

Annually, EPS coaches and activity sponsors host opportunities for athletic and activity skills development through summer camps and clinics. The list of 2025 opportunities is currently available online at <https://www.elkhornweb.org/blog/summer-athletics-and-activities-camps-3/>.

**Please note this list is only inclusive of camps and clinics hosted by EPS coaches and sponsors as related to their duties within the school district and does not include opportunities offered by outside organizations.*



Upcoming District-Wide Events

EPS is hosting a Teacher Assistant Hiring Fair on Tuesday, June 10, from 8:30-11:00 AM. Interviews will be child-friendly and both pre-registered or walk-in interviews will be welcome.

Pre-registration is available at <https://bit.ly/tahiringfair>.

2025-26 Online Registration Reminder

EPS utilizes an online registration system that allows parents of K-12 students to log in and update information and complete all Back-to-School documents. To use this feature, parents/guardians need to have a PowerSchool parent-access account. If you do not have a parent-access account, please [follow this link](#) for directions on how to create an account.

Please note that this is a preparation step, and you will not be able to complete the online registration Back to School forms until August. An email will be sent to the primary PowerSchool account email address when online registration is available.

If you have an account created but need to add additional students, please follow this link for directions: <https://bit.ly/2wDNJuT>.

If you have any questions or need assistance setting up your account, please call the main school office.



Spring Ridge PTO

MAY 2025

MRS. PETERSEN

WITH A HEAVY HEART WE SAY GOODBYE TO OUR VERY OWN MRS. PETERSEN, WHO HELPED GUIDE THIS SHIP FOR MANY YEARS! YOUR NEW SCHOOL IS LUCKY TO HAVE YOU AND YOU WILL BE SINCERELY MISSED FROM THE HALLS OF SPRING RIDGE ELEMENTARY. OUR SCHOOL WISHES YOU THE BEST AND WE HOPE WE WILL SEE YOU AGAIN THROUGHOUT THE YEARS!



MAGGIE BROCKMANN
PRESIDENT

IMPORTANT DATES

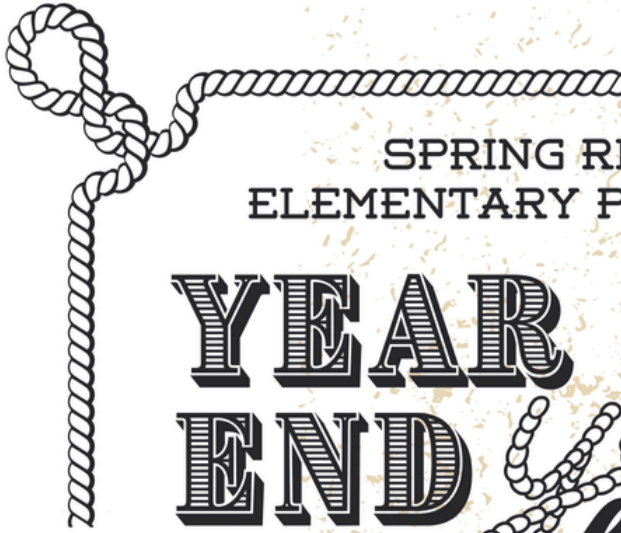
- 05/05: PTO MEETING | 6:30PM
- 05/05: 5TH GRADERS TOUR ERMS
- 05/09: YEAR-END YEEHAW | CARNIVAL 5:30-8:00
- 05/15: 5TH GRADE TRACK & FIELD DAY
- 05/16: SPRING RIDGE FUN DAY
- 05/20: 5TH GRADE GRADUATION PARTY
- 05/23: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



MEETING

**FINAL 2025
PTO MEETING!
CHILDCARE
AVAILABLE**

MAY 05, 2025



SPRING RIDGE
ELEMENTARY PRESENTS

**YEAR
END**



2025 CARNIVAL
FRIDAY, MAY 9TH 5:30- 8:00 PM
SPRING RIDGE ELEMENTARY

**FIRST 100 ONLINE ORDERS GET FREE
BANDANAS!!**

PURCHASE WRISTBANDS:
\$20 ONLINE PRIOR TO EVENT,
\$25 AT THE DOOR

WRIST BANDS INCLUDE ENTRY, GAMES, INFLATABLES, MECHANICAL
BULL, CAKE WALK, EAGLE SALOON.
PARENTS AND CHILDREN UNDER 2 ARE FREE.

**PURCHASE BRONCO BUCKS &
RAFFLE TICKETS ONLINE OR AT
DOOR FOR \$1.**
BRONCO BUCKS WILL BE USED FOR FOOD.



PURCHASE HERE:

[HTTPS://SPRINGRIDGEPTO.COM/CARNIVAL-2025-SHOP](https://springridgepto.com/carnival-2025-shop)



A LOOK INTO THIS YEAR'S RAFFLES

**AND
SILENT AUCTION FOR
PARENTS!**



4 GA TICKETS TO
SHADOW RIDGE MUSIC
FESTIVAL



\$300 GIFT CARD



6 SWIMMING
LESSONS

AMAZING *lash* STUDIO

\$100 GIFT CARD



1 MONTH
MEMBERSHIP



\$100 GIFT CARD

2025 CARNIVAL
FRIDAY, MAY 9TH 5:30-8 PM
BUY YOUR TICKETS HERE:



30- 60 MIN
LUXURY CAR RIDE



Also for Raffle:

- The Makery Gift Card
- Storm Chasers Baseline Tickets
- Urban Air Deluxe Passes
- Scary Acres Super Combo Passes
- \$ 10 Dairy Chef Gift Card
- SpareTime \$10 Play Card & Free Bowling

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AMAZING LASH STUDIO | SWING 365 | TAVERN 180 | STREET CAR TAKEOVER | THE MAKERY |
STORM CHASERS | URBAN AIR | SCARY ACRES | SPARETIME



YEARBOOKS

\$25

MISS YOUR CHANCE TO ORDER?

If you didn't order a yearbook, we will have a very limited number available for purchase in front of the school on a first come first serve basis at 7:45am on May 16. Cost: \$25 cash or check made out to Spring Ridge PTO.

In case of bad weather, we will have a table inside by the front office



YEARBOOK DAY

Friday
May 16

NOT SURE IF YOU ALREADY ORDERED?

- Go to www.YearbookForever.com
- Click "Order History"
- Enter your email address to receive a full Order History.*

*This will include orders from previous years and other schools who use the same vendor, so pay attention to names and dates!

QUESTIONS?

SpringRidgeYearbook@gmail.com



The flyer is a colorful poster for a PTO Meeting. It features a central purple rectangle with white text and a list of topics. This central area is surrounded by a border of twelve smaller, rounded rectangular boxes, each with a different background color and a unique pattern or icon. The colors of the border boxes are green, orange, red, green, blue, blue, yellow, yellow, green, orange, red, and blue. The patterns include stars, hearts, zig-zags, rainbows, flowers, a smiley face, wavy lines, and a torn piece of tape.

PTO MEETING

MONDAY | MAY 05 | 6:30PM

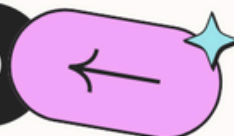
TOPICS:

- ✓ Carnival
- ✓ 2025/2026 Budget
- ✓ 2025/2026 School Supplies

CHILDCARE PROVIDED



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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