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A Message from Mrs. Petersen

Dear Spring Ridge Families,

Spring has finally arrived! Our daffodils and tulips are starting to poke themselves out of the ground. It is so nice to see green again. And it is especially exciting to have the students playing outside once again at recess getting fresh air and soaking up the sunshine. As we continue into our last quarter, our students will keep focused on becoming better readers, writers, and mathematicians. We are proud of their hard work and the progress they are making. We also appreciate your support in assisting your child(ren) through your work and volunteering at school. Spring Ridge is truly fortunate to have such active and supportive parents.

The last quarter promises to be busy with many activities taking place. Please check your child's backpack for classroom newsletters and other notes throughout the month. NSCAS Tests will be given this month in 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade. We encourage you to take some time to discuss this event with your child. Remind your child to relax and do his/her best without worrying. These tests are nothing to fear or be nervous about. Be sure your child gets plenty of rest each evening and send him/her off to school with a good breakfast each morning. It is important that your child be present for the tests; please avoid making appointments for your child during this time. The data from student performance is used to make decisions for school improvement, to drive instruction at each grade level, and to make recommendations for certain programs at Spring Ridge. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I continue to welcome the opportunity to visit with you should you have any questions, concerns, or comments. Please feel free to drop by the office and school for a visit!

Laurinda Petersen

Spring Ridge Principal



April Calendar of Events

- **April 1** - Carnival presale begins
- **April 3** - District Battle of the Books at West Dodge Station Elementary
- **April 3** - PTO Meeting 7:00 PM
- **April 7** - NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service
- **April 10** - Kindergarten Round-Up Parent Meeting - 6 PM
- **April 14** - Kindergarten Round-Up
- **April 21** - Mid Quarter Reports Go Home
- **April 27** - K Music Program, 6:00 PM / 1st Grade Music Program, 7:00 PM

Attention Parents of Current Kindergarten Students

There will be **NO SCHOOL** for current kindergarten students on

Friday, April 14th due to Kindergarten Round-Up.

6th Grade Orientation

Parents of fifth graders at Spring Ridge will receive 6th grade online registration information on Friday, April 7th with the online registration being due by Friday, April 14th. Students will tour Elkhorn Ridge Middle School on Monday, May 8th from 9:15-10:00 AM. 5th Grade Parents visit ERMS on Monday, May 8th at 5:30 PM

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 28-April 29.

Assessment	Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade
NSCAS Reading	April 4 & 6	April 3-6	April 4 & 6
NSCAS Math	April 18 & 20	April 17-20	April 18 & 20
NSCAS Science	Not Administered	Not Administered	April 11



HAPPENING IN OUR DISTRICT



EPS TEXT MESSAGING

TEXT "YES" TO 67587

STRATEGIC PLAN
Update Visits

2023 EPS
**SUMMER
CAMPS
AND CLINICS**

PTO NEWS

Thank you for showing our staff our appreciation!

Thank you for the countless ways you helped us all show support and appreciation for the Spring Ridge Staff during Staff Appreciation Week and ALL YEAR LONG! We are so grateful to have such committed families along with us in our kids' elementary journeys. We are honored to serve the PTO!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Pre-Sale Opens April 1st! More Info on Next Page

YOU'RE INVITED!

SPRING RIDGE CARNIVAL

**FRIDAY, MAY 12TH, 2023
5-8 PM**

@SPRING RIDGE ELEMENTARY

***Join us for a fun event for
the whole family!***

INFLATABLES

FOOD & DRINKS

GAMES & PRIZES

RAFFLES

& MUCH MORE!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

The Carnival is an annual PTO fundraiser to support Spring Ridge Students.



PTO NEWS

Spring Ridge Carnival - Click link to below to Order!



JOIN THE FUN! 2023 SPRING RIDGE CARNIVAL

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023 | 5-8 PM
@SPRING RIDGE ELEMENTARY

INFLATABLES

Several NEW attractions this year including the Radical Run, Warrior Jump, Inflatable Soccer and Inflated Bungee Basketball plus we're bringing back the Wrecking Ball & and the Moonwalk-Fun House.

EAGLE SALON

Crazy (Temporary) Hair Coloring, Cool Tattoos, and Fun Photo Booth

GAMES & PRIZES

Lollipop Tree, Plinko, Football Toss, Hockey Shot, Pop Ring Toss, and new this year - the High Striker!

CAKE WALK

Help our 4th graders earn their 5th grade Outdoor Ed & WIN a yummy treat too

FOOD & DRINKS

Pizza, SnoCones, and Freshly made Cotton Candy & Popcorn will be available

RAFFLES

With many fun prizes, don't miss your chance to win!

SKIP THE LINES AND PRE-ORDER

*PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL PRE-SALES WILL BE ONLINE ONLY

Carnival Pre-Sale: <https://bit.ly/SRCarnival2023>

Questions? Email us at SpringRidgeCarnival@gmail.com

PTO NEWS

Committee Openings

Spring Ridge PTO relies on several volunteers each year to make each year extra special. We have over 20 different Committees that commit varying amounts of time to help. Below are Committees that are in need of your help. Please email us to express interest!



WE WANT YOU

CHAIRS NEEDED FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR:

- CARNIVAL (2 CO-CHAIRS)
- GIFT WRAPPING
- HOSPITALITY
- TEACHER WISHLIST
- STAFF APPRECIATION
- 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL



PTO
Meeting

Please Join Us!

Join us at the April PTO Meeting on Monday April 3, at 7 PM in the Spring Ridge Library. We love to see new (and former) faces and hear your thoughts and ideas!

Connect



Ensure you stay connected!

Have you been receiving emails from the PTO?

The Spring Ridge PTO sends emails containing important information about what is happening at Spring Ridge. For your child to be in tune with the latest, be sure to subscribe to the PTO emails.

[Subscribe](#) to our emails or click on the email icon to the left to sign up!

Contribute

Sign up for our Shopping Rewards so when you shop, Spring Ridge receives a certain percentage back quarterly! Sign up to support Spring Ridge right away!



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