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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!

Since the winter months are known to bring illness, please encourage your children to wash their hands often, as well as cover their mouths when coughing or sneezing. This will help reduce the spread of germs.

Best wishes to you and your family in the year 2023!!!

Laurinda Petersen

Spring Ridge Principal



January Calendar of Events

- January 3 - NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service
- January 6 – Report Cards Go Home
- January 16 - NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service
- January 18 - Staff Appreciation Bagel & Donuts Breakfast
- January 23-27 – Kindergarten Registration for 2023-24 School Year
- January 24 - Bingo for Books Night
 - 6-7 PM (Families with last name A-K)
 - 7-8 PM (Families with last name L-Z)

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. There is no supervision until 7:55 a.m. Thank you.

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.

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.

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 **April 3-May 5**.



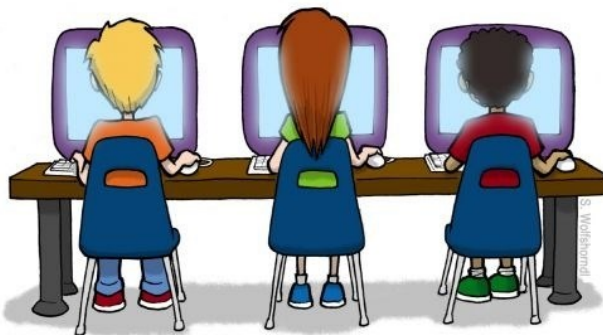
Spring Ridge Kindergarten Round-up

Spring Ridge Elementary is seeking to identify children who are eligible for kindergarten during the 2023-24 school year. If you have a child who will be in kindergarten for the 2023-24 school year, please register them during the week of January 23-27 on the District Website (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 2023-24 school year during the week of January 23-27 on the District Website. Please spread the word! We appreciate your help and support!

Training for Parents/Guardians in Helping Children Sagely Navigate Online Access

Registration is now open for Project Harmony's informational course, "Online Safety for Parents, Guardians, and Community Members". This course helps adults identify and address safety concerns that may arise when children and teens are granted online access. The focus is on equipping adults to have conversations with their children and teens to establish safe structures and routines. This training presents resources created by the National Center for Missing and Endangered Children and is suitable for anyone who cares for or works with young people.

Register for this free training at <https://projectharmony.learnupon.com/store/2973736-online-safety-for-parents-guardians-and-the-community>





Updates & Recaps

Below you'll find various recaps and updates on different PTO initiatives. As always, do not hesitate to contact us if you have ideas or suggestions! Thanks for your continued support!

Staff Appreciation

This month, we will again shower our staff with appreciation providing a bagels & donuts breakfast bar. We are seeking several donations to make it a big success so please consider helping & sign up [HERE](#).

Finally, we are still looking for volunteers to help us plan and execute our annual Faculty/Staff appreciation week in March, the week prior to Spring Break. If you are interested in helping out, please email [Leslie Stubbendieck](#) or [Tami Candy](#).

Thanks for all your support of Spring Ridge Faculty & Staff!

Book Swap is Coming!



It's almost time for the
BOOK SWAP!


The book swap is a chance to pass along some of your family's gently-used books to other students and receive some new-to-you books in return. Now is a great time to start sifting through your bookshelves to see what books you can share with a new home!

The Book Swap will take place in February.
More details to come!




Have you ordered your student's yearbook yet?

Click image below to order by Feb. 3, 2023




YEARBOOK PRE ORDER!

Order Deadline: February 3, 2023



**ONLINE
ORDERING
NOW AVAILABLE**

SCAN BELOW



**SCAN CODE
TO ORDER**

SIMPLE STEPS

- GO TO YEARBOOKFOREVER.COM ✓
- SEARCH: SPRING RIDGE ELEMENTARY ✓
- CLICK: SHOP STORE / YEARBOOK / CONTINUE ✓
- ENTER STUDENT INFORMATION ✓
- ADD TO CART ✓



Please visit the Spring Ridge Directory

Update your settings/info & opt-in Annually! Click image below to access the online directory.



WHY USE THE DIRECTORY?



- ✓ Ability to contact classmates or families for birthday parties, homework help, or play dates!
- ✓ Connect with other parents

[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/EAGLEDIRECTORY](http://tinyurl.com/eagledirectory)

**YOU MUST OPT IN
EACH SCHOOL YEAR.**

Email directoryspringridgepto@gmail.com with any questions or for help!

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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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