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## 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 19. 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 5. Thank you!

"Color the World with 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. Soto, as she becomes one of our District Instructional Facilitators next year. Ms. Sledge will be working for a homeschool cohort, which will give her more flexibility to be the mom of her three quickly growing children. Ms. Storm will be staying home next school year to first and foremost be a mom and teacher to her three young children. Ms. Lucy Shirey will be retiring from her teacher assistant role and Ms. Ordonez is going to attend college next school year in the field of education. 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! It has been a pleasure working with all of you this year. I have appreciated your dedication and support. Please have a safe and happy summer. See you in August!

*Laurinda Petersen*

Spring Ridge Principal

## May Calendar of Events

- May 1 - PTO Meeting 7:00 PM
- May 5 - 2nd Grade Field Trip to Morrill Hall, 10 AM-3 PM
- May 8 - 5th Grade visits ERMS, 9:15-10:00 AM
- May 8 - 5th Grade parents visit ERMS, 5:30 PM
- May 8-12 - Scholastic Book Fair in Media Center
- May 12 - 4th Grade Nebraska Day
- May 12 - CARNIVAL
- May 17 - 3rd Grade Field Trip to Durham, 10:30 AM to 2:45 PM
- May 18 - 5th Grade Track & Field Day
- May 19 - Fun Day
- May 22 - Last Eagle Earning Lunch
- May 22 - School-wide Dance Party in the PM if we fill the Eagle's Nest
- May 23 - End-of-School Year All School Assembly - 1:30 for 3rd through 5th  
K-2 joins in at 2:15 PM
- May 24 - LAST DAY - 11:30 AM dismissal – Report Cards Go Home
- May 24 - 5th Grade Graduation, 9:30 AM
- May 25 - NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service

## July/August Calendar of Events

- August 1st and 2nd - New Student Registration
- August 10 - K-5 Open House, 5:30-6:30 PM
- August 15 - 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!

## Back to School 101 for 2023-24

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 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. The district will email you this summer to let you know when the online forms are ready for you to complete. Ms. Petersen 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.



## 2023-24 Kindergarten through 5th Grade Open House

K-5 Open House will be held on **Thursday, August 10** 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 those with last names L-Z attend between 6:00 and 6:30 PM. The first day of school for the 2023-24 school year will be **Tuesday, August 15**. (Curriculum information will once again be emailed by teachers to parents.)



# Spring Ridge Fun Day and Picnic

Friday, May 19, 2023

Grade	Activities	Lunch
5	- - -	11:55-12:25
4	8:50-11:00	11:25-11:55
3	8:50-11:00	11:15-11:45
2	8:50-11:00	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 5.** The lunch on Friday, May 19 will be a sack lunch that includes: a hot dog, Sun Chips or Doritos, carrots, apple slices, cinnamon goldfish crackers, 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 (\$4.00)	_____	\$ _____

(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 \_\_\_\_\_



*A Note from the Nurse...*

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

**\*\* It's time to start scheduling 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 test for strabismus, amblyopia, and acuity) dated after **February 15, 2023**, as well as a current immunization record including the Kindergarten booster shots. Here is the [Summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations](#)
- Students wanting to participate in a sport at the middle school level must have a **sports physical** completed sometime after **May 1, 2023** and uploaded to [rschool](#).



*Forms can also 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.*



**~ Medication Pick-up ~** The school is not able to store medication over the summer. So please remember, all student medications must be picked up by a parent/guardian, from the health office no later than **Wednesday, May 24th by the end of the day**, or it will be properly disposed of.

*Have a fantastic summer!*  
Elizabeth Page, RN, BSN  
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## END of the 2022-2023 School Year

### Lunch Account Information

Dear Parents,

As the school year winds down, we would like parents to check the balance(s) on their student(s) lunch accounts. If an account is **negative**, **please make a payment**. We ask that no account is left negative over the summer.

If you have a graduating **Senior**, you can request a refund or balance transfer the Monday after graduation. **Please cancel the auto deposit function on your Seniors lunch account to prevent a payment from posting after it is cleared.**

**There is a separate notification in your High School newsletter for Seniors.**

If you have not received an email from us this school year, please make sure the school has the most current email address on file.

#### **MAKING DEPOSITS**

- **SETTING UP AN ONLINE ACCOUNT** will allow you to make deposits, view the account, set reminders and add an auto-deposit option if preferred.

\*EPS now partners with **SchoolPay** for student lunch accounts. To add funds, go to **www.schoolpay.com** and log into to your user account. If you do not yet have a SchoolPay account, a link can be found on the EPS website under the Parents tab, select Lunch then scroll down to **Lunch Account Portal** for the instructions link.

- **MAIL CHECKS** payable to EPS, that **include your student name and student ID Number** to EPS Food Service, 1401 Veterans Drive, Elkhorn, NE 68022
- **SEND LUNCH MONEY WITH YOUR STUDENT TO SCHOOL**, **include your student name and student ID number** preferably in an envelope for elementary students to give to their teacher.

Any funds that are currently on a student account will remain on their account and carry over year to year while the student remains in the Elkhorn School District.

## District News

### Summer Athletics and Activities Camps

Annually, EPS coaches and sponsors host summer opportunities for athletic and activity skills development by hosting camps and clinics. The list of 2023 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.*

### Last Student Day Information

The last student day of the 2022-2023 school year will be Wednesday, May 24, 2023. Additional dismissal details will be provided by building principals. For reference and planning, approved calendars for future school years can be found [here](#).

### 2023-2024 Online Registration Reminder

For the upcoming school year, EPS will again utilize an online registration system that will allow parents of K-12 students to log in and update information and complete all Back-to-School documents. As a reminder, to use this feature, parents/guardians will need to have a parent-access account in PowerSchool.

If you do not already have a parent-access account, please [follow this link](#) for directions on how to create an account. *However, this is a preparation step, and you will not be able to complete the online registration process until July.* 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 on doing so: <https://bit.ly/2wDNJuT>.

If you have any questions or need assistance setting up your account, please contact your building secretary.

Thanks!

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# PTO NEWS

## Wrapping up the School Year—HUGE THANKS!

Thank you for the countless ways you have supported Spring Ridge through the year. Countless hours of volunteer work has been accomplished by parents and family members of Spring Ridge. We couldn't accomplish what we do without the extra help.

**Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!**

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# PTO NEWS

Carnival Time is Here-Get your tickets and wristbands!



## JOIN THE FUN! 2023 SPRING RIDGE CARNIVAL

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023 | 5-8 PM  
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### 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!

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

Questions? Email us at [SpringRidgeCarnival@gmail.com](mailto:SpringRidgeCarnival@gmail.com)



# PTO NEWS

Get your Raffle Tickets Today & Avoid the Lines!

## A LOOK INTO THIS YEAR'S RAFFLES

**AND SILENT AUCTION!**

Foursome of golf at Shadow Ridge Country Club. Carts included (must golf with a member)

APPX. VALUE: \$600!!



2023 CARNIVAL  
FRIDAY, MAY 12TH  
5-8 PM



### Also for Raffle:

- Bowlero "Party Pack"
- The Makery
- Storm Chasers Baseline Tickets
- Kendra Scott Jewelry Set
- Urban Air Deluxe Passes
- Top Golf
- Scary Acres Super Combo Passes
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# PTO NEWS

Your Help is Needed!



**BE SUPER & VOLUNTEER!**

## **2023 CARNIVAL ALL-STAR CONTEST**

The grade with the most volunteer slots filled  
will be named the

**CARNIVAL ALL-STARS**

and will win an

**ALL-STAR  
EXTRA RECESS PARTY!**

**Want to volunteer?**

Visit <https://bit.ly/CarnivalSUG>

### **CONTEST RULES:**

- Volunteering is open to friends and family members, but must be at least high-school age.
- Each volunteer will earn 1 point for each shift served *\*Must work the shift you sign up for to receive points*
- You may sign up for as many shifts as you'd like!
- Please arrive at least 5 minutes prior to your scheduled start time to check in and receive instructions
- During the sign-up process you must sign up to for the grade of the child you're supporting. *\*In order to earn points, the shift must be covered by the name listed in SignUpGenius.*
- Points will be tallied after the Carnival and the winning grade will be announced the following Monday at school!

# PTO NEWS

Help us Clean Up Spring Ridge



## Spring Ridge Grounds Cleanup

Saturday, May 6 9-11am

Please join us for a school grounds cleanup.

Bring your garden gloves, garden shears,  
and/or other trimming equipment. We will  
supply the yard waste bags, plastic gloves  
and water!



# PTO NEWS

## Committee Openings for 2023-2024 School Year

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 NEED YOU

### Committee Chairs needed for next school year:

- **FUN RUN (3-4 MORNING HELPERS)**
- **FAMILY FESTIVAL (1 CO-CHAIR)**
- **CARNIVAL (2 CO-CHAIRS)**
- **CONFERENCE MEALS COORDINATOR**

Plus there are always other ways to help!



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# PTO NEWS

## Final PTO Meeting with Special Guest

We will be voting in the new executive board & reviewing the budget for next year.



We are excited to have Dr. Barry Habrock the EPS Superintendent with us to be presenting strategic plan update for Elkhorn Public Schools.

**JOIN US!**

*May 1st @ 7 pm*

**IN THE SPRING RIDGE  
LIBRARY**



## 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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