



HIGHLIGHTS

SUMMER 2018 ISSUE

WELCOME BACK FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. BARY HABROCK

Dear Elkhorn Community,

Each new school year brings a renewed sense of possibility, promise, excitement, hope, and culture. A culture where student achievement remains the core value that guides our actions, decisions, and all employees in the district; a culture built on the partnership between our community, parents, and educators that will continue to be a key driver of our success; a collaborative culture where together we can ensure every student thrives in school and is prepared for the future. This long-standing partnership of community expectation has been the guidepost for our district of rural roots to grow into a premier school district.

The Elkhorn Public Schools is the collective effort of so many, including: dedicated students who give their best each day, nurturing and supportive parents, caring teachers who teach with passion and purpose, committed support staff, thoughtful board members, and a community that sets the highest priority and expectations for the education of our youth. Our mission requires a commitment to excellence from all of us - it takes shared knowledge, leadership, focus, and partnership!

*The Elkhorn Public Schools **UNITES** students, families, educators, and the community to **ENSURE** a challenging and enriching academic environment that **INSPIRES** students to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to become responsible citizens and lifelong learners.*

Student achievement remains the core value that informs our actions and decisions in the district. Our students consistently score well-above state and national averages. We have two nationally recognized high schools that maintain an outstanding graduation rate with almost all going on to higher learning. Our community understands the value of schools where the names and needs of students are known well.

Elkhorn continues to be a prime destination for families and commercial development. This fall, as we enter the 32nd consecutive year of district growth, we anticipate welcoming over 9,600 students, a student enrollment growth rate of 7 to 8 percent. The board of education and administration continue to focus our planning in response to this growth. This year we open our 11th elementary school with a new high school, middle school, and elementary school in design and/or under construction.

In closing, I am honored to serve as the superintendent of the Elkhorn Public Schools and understand that our community partnership will continue to be a key driver of our success. Only together can we ensure every student thrives in school and is prepared to write his or her future story beyond our system. On behalf of the Elkhorn Board of Education, the staff, and most importantly, the students, we thank you for your continued support of our schools.

Sincerely,

Bary Habrock, Superintendent

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BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

New Student Registration will be held at all Elkhorn schools on Monday, July 30 and Tuesday, July 31 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please call your school office the week prior to set up a new student registration appointment. If you are unsure of your school assignment, visit <https://www.elkhornweb.org/> or call the EPS Administration Building at (402) 289-2579.

The below items are required for registration:

1. Birth Certificate (all grade levels)
2. Proof of district residence (all grade levels)
3. Immunization Record - immunizations for poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, hepatitis B, two doses of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), and two varicella (chicken pox) immunizations (*or proof that they have had the disease*) are required for all students.
PLEASE NOTE: proof of immunization is required before attendance is allowed.
4. Current physical examination and visual examination documentation (within six months) is required for kindergartners, seventh graders, and students enrolling from out of state.
5. For foster children or wards of the state or court, court documents and pertinent school records are required.
6. School records from previous schools (all grade levels).

BACK-TO-SCHOOL 101

Dates for 2018-19 Back-to-School 101 for all Elkhorn schools are as follows:

Monday, July 30th:

Elkhorn High School - 12:00 - 6:00

Thursday, August 2nd:

Elkhorn South High School - 12:00 - 6:00

Monday, August 6th:

Elementary schools north of Dodge Street - 12:00 - 6:00

Middle schools north of Dodge Street - 10:00 - 7:00

Tuesday, August 7th:

Elementary schools south of Dodge Street - 12:00 - 6:00

Middle schools south of Dodge Street - 10:00 - 7:00

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018

Elementary, Grades K-5

8:15am - 3:06pm

Middle School, Grades 6-8

8:10am - 3:20pm

High School, Grades 9-12

Modified First Day

9th Grade: 8:10am - 11:45am

10th-12th Grade: 12pm - 3:20pm

Buses will run regular schedules for elementary and middle school students. High school bus routes will run on the regular schedule with an additional drop off when freshman are dismissed at 11:45 a.m. Students in grades 10-12 riding the bus need to make alternate arrangements to arrive at school by 12 p.m.





DISTRICT INFORMATION

TEAMMATES MENTORING PROGRAM TO BEGIN AT EPS

As Elkhorn Public Schools continues to experience significant growth throughout the District, our student population continues to diversify and the need for extra student support increases.

As a result of this growth, EPS recently made the decision to transition our current, district-run Partners in Education Mentoring Program into a chapter with the TeamMates Mentoring Program. The TeamMates program provides more structured support for the wide variety of backgrounds and interests that can be found in EPS students and brings more mentors into our program while allowing us to retain the majority of our current mentoring relationships already in place.

If you are interested in becoming a TeamMates mentor in the EPS District, contact Kara Perchal at kperchal@epsne.org or (402) 289-2579.



DISTRICT ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS CALENDAR GOING DIGITAL

In an effort to ensure EPS residents and families are receiving the most up-to-date and accurate information, we have discontinued the printing and distribution of a district-wide events and activities calendar.

To see the most current activities and events information, visit <https://www.elkhornweb.org/calendar> to view the District calendar or to choose an individual building calendar to view.

DISTRICT NOTICES

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

Elkhorn Public Schools unites students, families, educators and the community to ensure a challenging and enriching academic environment that inspires students to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to become responsible citizens and lifelong learners.

CHILD FIND

The Elkhorn Public School District requests your help in locating children and youth with disabilities who are eligible to benefit from Special Education or 504 accommodations. If you know of a youth who is a resident of the District, who may have a disability and is not receiving needed services, please contact Kendra Schneider Director of Special Education, 20650 Glenn St. Elkhorn, NE, 68022, (402) 289-2579.

DISTRICT WEBSITE

The Elkhorn Public Schools website contains current, valuable information for staff, students, parents, District homeowners and other interested parties. The site includes the annual report, board of education information, general district information, maps, calendars and can be found at <https://www.elkhornweb.org>.

For additional information about the district or any other public school district in Nebraska, visit the Nebraska Department of Education website at www.education.ne.gov.

BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The distribution of individual handouts to students is not permitted. In place of this practice, the District publishes the Elkhorn Express and distributes it to all K-8 students ten times throughout the school year. The Elkhorn Express features advertisements, and notices that are of interest to families.

For additional information, please contact Penny Overmann at the DC Post Gazette, (402) 289-2329.



HIGHLIGHTS

The Elkhorn Public Schools publishes the HIGHLIGHTS for the sole purpose of informing district residents of the programs, procedures, and progress of the school district. Questions or comments should be addressed to: Superintendent Bary Habrock, 20650 Glenn Street Elkhorn, NE 68022, (402) 289-2579

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Blue Sage Elementary

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TDD/Voice All Schools

The EPS Highlights are distributed twice throughout the school year to keep our community informed about important things taking place in our schools. We encourage you to read the Highlights, participate in activities in your neighborhood school, and offer feedback on information you would like to see included in the Highlights. Questions or comments can be directed to the Administration Office by calling (402) 289-2579 or emailing kperchal@epsne.org.