

MAY 2024

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 17. 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 3. Thank you!

"We Shine When We Are Kind" 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. Wallesen, as she becomes one of our District Reading Specialists next year. Mr. Fellman will be heading up to the Middle School to teach social studies which is a passion of his. Ms. Herringer will be moving to Kansas City as her husband took his dream job there. Ms. Kasbohm will be teaching in Nebraska City next school year as her husband took a pharmacy position in Syracuse. Ms. Dunn is relocating to sunny Arizona where she has family. Ms. Krumwiede took a speech path position just 4 minutes from her home for next school year. Ms. Anderson is fully retiring. Ms. Bral is stepping back from a full time teaching position to make room to grow a family with her husband. Ms. Gottschalk is going to take some time to pursue some other interests 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



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

May

- May 2 - K Music Program, 6:00 PM / 1st Grade Music Program, 7:00 PM
- May 3 - 1st Grade Field Trip to Morrill Hall
- May 6 - PTO Meeting 6:30 PM
- May 6 - 5th Grade visits ERMS, 9:15-10:00 AM
- May 6 - 5th Grade parents visit ERMS, 5:30 PM
- May 10 - CARNIVAL 5-8PM
- May 16 - 3rd Grade Field Trip to Durham Museum, 9:45 AM to 1:30 PM
- May 17 - Fun Day
- May 20 - 5th Grade Track & Field Day
- May 21 - End-of-Year Assembly
- May 22 - Last Eagle Earning Lunch & School-wide Dance Party
- May 23 - LAST DAY - 11:30 AM dismissal - Report Cards Go Home
- May 23 - 5th Grade Graduation, 9:30 AM
- May 24 - NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service

July/August

- July 30 & 31 - New Student Registration
- August 8 - Open House (A-M from 5:30-6:00; N-Z from 6:00-6:30)
- August 13 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
- August 23 - Spring Ridge Family Fun Fest, 5-7 PM
- August 26 - PTO Meeting, 6:30 PM

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!



Spring Ridge Fun Day and Picnic

Friday, May 17, 2024

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 3. The lunch on Friday, May 17 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 (\$4.60)	_____	\$_____

(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 _____



Back to School 101 for 2024-25:



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. 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.

2024-25 Kindergarten through 5th Grade Open House

K-5 Open House will be held on **Thursday, August 8** 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 2024-25 school year will be **Tuesday, August 13**. (Curriculum information will once again be emailed by teachers to parents.)



Technology and Social Media Resources

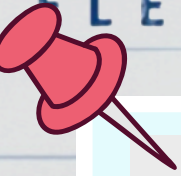
ScreenSanity - Resources and guidebooks for raising children in an increasingly digital world
SmartGen Society - Resources and workshop presentations about digital wellness, safety, and privacy in the digital age

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.





2024-25 Online Registration Reminder

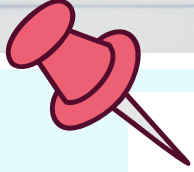
For the upcoming school year, EPS will again utilize an online registration system that will allow parents of K-12 students to log in and update information and complete all Back-to-School documents. As a reminder, to use this feature, parents/guardians will need to have a parent-access account in PowerSchool.

If you do not 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:

<https://bit.ly/2wDNJuT>.

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



END of the 2023-2024 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.

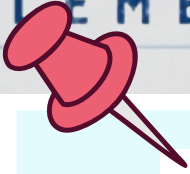
MAKING DEPOSITS

- **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.

Elkhorn Food Service
1401 Veterans Drive
402-289-0443
Lunch@epsne.org



About Nebraska's New Voter ID Law

Nebraska's new voter ID law (LB514) requires all registered Nebraska voters to present a photo* identification (ID) when voting in an election in Nebraska.

Voter ID begins with the May 14, 2024, primary.

Every election in Nebraska after the May 2024 primary will require voter ID.

Photo IDs:

- Nebraska driver's license (from DMV)
- Nebraska state ID (from DMV)
- Nebraska college ID (public or private)
- Nebraska political subdivision ID (state, county, city, school, etc.)
- United States Passport
- Military ID
- Tribal ID
- Hospital, assisted-living facility or nursing home record

**ID must include name and photo.*

ID must have your name and photo. ID can be expired.

How voter ID will work:

- **Voting in person at the polls:** Present a photo ID or vote provisionally.
- **Voting early at the election office:** Present a photo ID or vote provisionally.
- **Voting early by mail:** Write driver's license/state ID number on ballot application or enclose a copy of photo ID or reasonable impediment certification with your ballot application.
- **Voting in by-mail precincts or by-mail special elections:** Write driver's license/state ID number on ballot return envelope or enclose a copy of photo ID or reasonable impediment certification in your ballot return envelope.

Active-duty military members, active-duty military spouses, and citizens overseas covered by UOCAVA (Uniformed & Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act) are exempt from voter ID.

If you forget your ID, you will fill out a provisional ballot. For your ballot to count, you will need to present a photo ID to your county election office on or before the Tuesday after the election.

If you don't have an ID, you can get a state ID for free (for voting purposes) from the Nebraska DMV. You will need to bring certain documents to get a state ID, so check with the DMV website ahead of your visit.

If you need a copy of your birth certificate to get a free state ID, you can get a free certified copy of your Nebraska birth certificate from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. This is only available if you do not have an ID and need a state ID for voting purposes.

If you cannot get an ID due to disability/illness, religious objection to being photographed, or lack of documents to obtain a free state ID, you can complete a reasonable impediment certification.



State of Nebraska
Robert Evnen
Secretary of State

Visit VoterID.Nebraska.gov for more information.



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 13, 2024**. 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 1, 2024** 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 13, 2024.**

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 Thursday, May 23rd by the end of the day, or it will be properly disposed of.



Have a fantastic summer!

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SPRING RIDGE ELEMENTARY

MAY 2024

PTO NEWS



ALOHA SUMMER!

We can't believe that in just a few short weeks school will be out and summer will be here! What better way to celebrate than kicking off the summer with our Aloha Summer carnival!? We still need volunteers to help make this go off without a hitch. Please watch for a Sign-Up Genius to help out!

MAGGIE BROCKMANN
PRESIDENT

HANNAH WIEGER
PRESIDENT-ELECT

IMPORTANT DATES

- 05/02: KINDERGARTEN/1ST GRADE MUSIC PROGRAM @ 6/7PM
- 05/06: FINAL PTO MEETING @ 6:30PM
- 05/10: ALOHA SUMMER CARNIVAL @ 5PM
- 05/18: SPRING RIDGE GROUNDS CLEAN-UP
- 05/23: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
5TH GRADE GRADUATION



FINAL PTO MEETING



WE HAVE COMMITTEES FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR THAT COULD USE PARENT VOLUNTEERS

INTERESTED?



CONTACT@SPRINGRIDGEPTO.COM



The Spring Ridge BOGO Book Fair is just around the corner! Come join the fun and get some great books to read all summer long!

Monday, May 6: 3-4:30
Tuesday, May 7: 3-6:00
Wednesday, May 8: 3-6:00
Thursday, May 9: 3-4:30

Visit our webpage for more information and to set up your student's eWallet





Aloha! SUMMER

JOIN US FOR THE SPRING RIDGE CARNIVAL!

DEAR SPRING RIDGE PARENTS,

GET READY TO HULA THE NIGHT AWAY AT OUR LUAU BASH!



Date: 05/10/2024 **Time:** 5:00-8:00PM **Location:** SPRING RIDGE

WE'VE GOT TIKI TORCHES, LEIS, AND A WHOLE LOT OF ALOHA SPIRIT WAITING FOR YOU. GRAB DINNER, DRINKS, AND DON'T FORGET WINNING A CAKE AT THE CAKE WALK!

What to expect:

Raffle: BUY RAFFLE TICKETS TO TRY TO WIN AMAZING PRIZES!

Games: PLAY GAMES TO WIN CANDY OR TRY YOUR HAND AT THE CAKE WALK FOR SWEET TREATS!

Eagle Salon: TATTOOS, HAIR PAINT, AND MUCH MORE TO ENJOY!

Inflatables: BURN OFF SOME ENERGY IN OUR MANY INFLATABLES

Food: CHIC-FIL'A SANDWICHES, SNO CONES, POPCORN, COTTON CANDY, PIZZA, AND MUCH MORE!

WRISTBANDS AND TICKETS ON SALE NOW!





AVAILABLE ✨
✨ *for purchase*

- \$20 pre-ordered wristbands
- \$25 at the door wristbands
- \$1 tiki tickets

purchase of wristband includes the following:

entry - games - inflatables -
cake walk - eagle salon - ages
2 & up

tiki tickets will buy:

food - hats - leis - raffle

pre-ordered tiki tickets will have your students name
pre-printed on all tickets (convenient for raffles)

ALOHA SUMMER CARNIVAL

may 10th / 5-8

SpringRidgePTO.com/carnival



Spring Ridge Grounds Clean-Up

SATURDAY

MAY 18



Be a part of the
cleanliness campaign!

More Info To Come!



PTO

SIGN UP

24' - 25'

DIRECTORY



BIRTHDAY PARTIES

BIRTHDAY INVITATIONS CAN NOT BE DISTRIBUTED AT SCHOOL. USE THE DIRECTORY TO FIND FREINDS!



PLAYDATES

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A GOOD FRIEND IN CLASS? FIND THEIR PARENT'S INFORMATION THROUGH THE DIRECTORY!



PARENT COMMUNICATION

FIND CLASS PARENTS THROUGH THE DIRECTORY!



SCAN:





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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