

MARCH 2025

A MESSAGE FROM MRS PETERSEN

Dear Spring Ridge Families,

Wow! February was an exciting month for the students at Spring Ridge Elementary. The focus was on reading, reading, reading, and the Winter Reading Program! Experts agree that reading is the basis for school success and we appreciate your support in encouraging your children to read at home. With children developing a love for reading in their elementary years, that enjoyment can last a lifetime.

Once again, we had nearly 100% attendance during our February Parent Teacher Conferences. Thank you for your continued support during conferences and throughout the year. The success that our students enjoy is directly impacted by your involvement at Spring Ridge. The education of our children is truly a team effort. The Spring Ridge staff appreciates your support and invites you to contact us anytime regarding the progress of your child.

Thanks to the PTO for the wonderful food that was provided during Parent-Teacher Conferences!!! It was delicious and greatly appreciated!

Laurinda Petersen

Spring Ridge Principal





UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES



March



- March 3 - PTO Meeting, 6:30 PM
- March 3-7 - Staff Appreciation
- March 4 - Spring Picture Day
- March 7 - 5th Grade performs with Omaha Symphony, 9:15 AM
- March 14- NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service
- March 17-21 - SPRING BREAK
- March 28 - Report Cards Go Home
- March 28 - 4th Grade Field Trip
- March 31 - Kindergarten Round-Up Parent Meeting - 6 PM
- March 31 - Spring Ridge Battle of the Books



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

Assessment	Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade
NSCAS Reading	April 1 & 3	April 2 & 4	April 1 & 3
NSCAS Math	April 8 & 10	April 9 & 11	April 8 & 10
NSCAS Science	Not Administered	Not Administered	April 15



ATTENTION PARENTS OF CURRENT KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS:

THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL FOR CURRENT KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ON FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH DUE TO KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP.

Note from the Nurse...



Thank you for keeping your child home when they don't feel well. **CHILDREN SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL FOR THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

- Contagious diseases such as chickenpox, measles, mumps, pink eye, etc.
- Skin eruptions or suspicious rash
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Abnormal temperature (Elkhorn Public Schools complies with the Douglas County Health Department recommendation that a child may not stay at school if temperature is 100 degrees or more and should not return to school until fever-free for 24 hours.)
- Head lice

A child absent from school because of a skin disease or other infectious or contagious disease may be required to present a statement from a doctor upon returning to school (Guidelines under student handbook).

-Reminders-

- Please do not send medications with students to school. If your student requires an over-the-counter med (i.e. cough drops, Tylenol) or RX medication while at school, we must have a [Medication Authorization Form](#) signed by the parent and physician before we can administer.
- 4th grade girls and boys health talks will be held separately on Thursday, March 13th at 2:15pm. Parents who attend the lesson are asked only to observe. If you have any questions or concerns or would like to view the video, please feel free to contact me or the school office. *All students must have parent/guardian permission to participate in this lesson.

It's not too early to start scheduling your 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 12th, 2025**, as well as a current immunization record including the Kindergarten booster shots. Here is the [Summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations](#).

****Health records should be submitted to school prior to the first student day on August 12th, 2025.**

Thank you!
Elizabeth Page, BSN/RN
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in guidance?

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DISTRICT NEWS

Early Intervention Services Reminder

Elkhorn Public School Families - if you have any concerns regarding your young child's development, don't hesitate to reach out to the EPS Early Intervention team. Our dedicated professionals are here to support you and your child's needs.

Visit [Elkhorn Public Schools Early Intervention](#) for more information.

Does your child talk and play like other children?

The *Early Development Network* works with school districts to offer **FREE** screening and evaluations for children birth through age five.

Your child could be eligible to receive free help with:

- Play skills
- Speech and Language
- Motor Development
- Vision and Hearing



2025-26 Kindergarten Registration

Registration for children who will attend kindergarten during the 2025-26 school year (students must be at least 5 years of age by July 31, 2025, to attend Kindergarten), is now open at <https://www.elkhornweb.org/parents/new-students/>. When you register your child on the District website, we will use the email address in that registration to communicate Kindergarten Round-up information and details.



DISTRICT NEWS

Upcoming District-wide Events

- *ESHS will present "Wizard of Oz" March 13 - 15, 2025. [Click here to view performance details and ticket purchase information.](#)*
- *Elkhorn High School's 50th Anniversary musical will be performed April 10-13, 2025. Stay tuned for more details!*

Elkhorn South High School *presents...*

THE WIZARD of OZ



Thursday
March 13
at 7 PM

Friday
March 14
at 7 PM

Saturday
March 15
at 2 PM

Elkhorn South High School Auditorium • 20303 Blue Sage Pkwy. • Omaha, NE 68130

THE WIZARD OF OZ is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Tams-Witmark LLC.
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THE WIZARD OF OZ
By L. Frank Baum
Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg
Background Music by Herbert Stothart
Dance and Vocal arrangements by Peter Howard
Orchestration by Larry Wilcox • Adapted by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company
Based upon the Classic Motion Picture owned by Turner Entertainment Co. and distributed in all media by Warner Bros.

Purchase tickets here:





Spring Ridge PTO

MARCH 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

03/03: PTO MEETING @ 6:30PM

03/03- STAFF APPRECIATION
03/07: WEEK

03/06: BOOK SWAP

03/07: SPRING RIDGE POOL
PARTY: GOLDFISH SWIM

03/14: NO SCHOOL

03/17- SPRING BREAK
03/21:

03/31: KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP
PARENT MEETING @ 6PM

WE ARE FEELIN' LUCKY

AS WE CELEBRATE STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK, WE CAN'T HELP BUT REFLECT ON HOW LUCK WE ARE AT SPRING RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL! WE HAVE EXCEPTIONAL STAFF MEMBERS THAT HAVE LEFT A MARK ON THE HEARTS OF ALL STUDENTS THAT COME THROUGH THE DOORS.

POSTCARDS OF THANKS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT OFFICE IF YOU WANT TO SEND A STAFF MEMBER YOUR ADMIRATION DURING STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK.



MAGGIE BROCKMANN
PRESIDENT

HANNAH WIEGER
PRESIDENT-ELECT



MEETING

1st GRADE TEACHERS
WILL BE PRESENTING

**CHILDCARE
AVAILABLE**

MARCH 03, 2025



FRIDAY: MARCH 7TH

SPRINGRIDGE POOL PARTY

5:00PM - 7:00PM
**\$15/STUDENT | INCLUDES
SWIMMING AND PIZZA!**

**REGISTER
HERE!**

**2502 S 133RD PLZ STE 102,
OMAHA, NE 68144**



PTO MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 03

6:30PM

1ST Grade Teachers will be presenting on what is happening in 1ST grade and will be taking questions.

Other Topics:

- Staff Appreciation Week
- Book Swap
- End of School Carnival
- Present Slate of Nominated Candidates

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