



August/September 2025

SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWS

By Darin Hahne

Welcome back to a new school year! It seems the summers go by quickly, but I for one look forward to Fall and the school activities that come with it. As I write this, the sports complex project is taking shape. The initial bid packages have been approved with the dirt work and utilities being the first step. The goal is to have the concrete poured for the base of the track by the end of September. Although we won't be ready to host a track meet this coming spring, the goal is to have things in place for track practice and be ready to compete on the new football field in August of 2026. These are exciting times at EV!

CHILD FIND NOTICE

This notice to inform the patrons of Elkhorn Valley Schools that Public law 94-142 and Nebraska Rules 51 and 52 mandate that a free, appropriate public education is available to each child with a disability, 0-21 years of age, who resides in a local school district.

CHILD FIND FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

The Elkhorn Valley School asks you to assist us in our child find efforts. This is an ongoing statewide search for all unserved children with disabilities, ages birth through 21. If you know of a child who is experiencing difficulties with motor development, speech and language, vision, hearing or learning, please refer the parent to the number below. The Elkhorn Valley School District will provide an educational evaluation at no cost to the parent. If the child qualifies under Nebraska law, a free and appropriate educational program will be developed to meet his/her educational needs. To contact us, please call Darin Hahne, Superintendent, at 402-368-5301.

Attention Parents:

Whenever your child is going to be absent from school...medical appointment, vacation, funeral, etc....please call the school or send a written note so that we are aware of your child's absence. We appreciate your cooperation with this process as it will eliminate the need for the school to contact you.

THANK YOU!!

BLOOD DRIVE!!

The Tilden Community Blood Drive will be held on August 18 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm. Please consider donating to this IMPORTANT cause. New donors are most welcome!!



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Tilden, NE 68781
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We are excited and look forward to an amazing school year!!!

The Principals' Message

Where did the time go? It seems that the summer break goes quicker and quicker every year. We are extremely excited for the new school year to begin to see all of the students. The school year is just around the corner, and we'd like to welcome everyone back to another exciting and educational year. We are looking forward to a productive year with each and every student in the district.

Please take the time to review the calendar on the school website as well as the one that is mailed out and look for regular updates on activities, athletics, and classroom experiences. The website (www.elkhornvalleyschools.org) and other forms of social media such as the official school Facebook and X (formerly Twitter), will be a valuable resource again this year as announcements and stories relating to school activities will also be posted on the website. The handbook will also be posted for future reference. We will also post any new board policy changes in the handbook as they become available. Reminder of the 7-12 phone policy. Students are required to lock phones in a pouch if it is brought in the building. Please take time to review these rules and policies in the handbook and discuss them with your children.

We are depending on you, the parents and guardians, to ensure that our students are in school, ready to attend classes at 8:05 every day. Sometimes a few missed hours of instructional time can make the difference between success and failure. For secondary students, poor attendance can lead to credit reduction, so it is important that the students are in school. We ask that you continually emphasize the importance of regular attendance, support our teachers and support staff in their efforts to provide a quality education, and be involved as much as possible in monitoring your child's educational endeavors. Please feel free to contact administration at the school with any questions or concerns you may have or any issue that you would like to discuss. Please, also check PowerSchool for your child or children's progress in classes. Students will do better in school if they know parents are checking grades online on a regular basis.

Academic success is important to all of us in the district. If you feel your child is struggling in a particular area or class, please feel free to contact the teacher or administration. Every effort will be made to ensure that your child is successful. We need your cooperation in the matter as well. Please reinforce to your child that it is important to be prepared for class. Make sure homework is completed at night and that your child is getting enough sleep. Eating a proper breakfast will ensure that your child has a good start to the day.

The doors to the school open at 7:35 a.m. on the west side main entrance (Door #1) and at 7:25 a.m. on the east side entrance (Door #13) as well as the north entrance by the Weight Room (Door #10). Serving time for breakfast begins at 7:25.

On behalf of the entire staff, we hope that your experience at Elkhorn Valley Schools will be positive and successful for your students.

Mrs. Patty Novicki, 7-12 Principal &
Mr. Brandon Black, PreK-6 Principal

Elementary Open House at EVS Wednesday, August 13

Our Elementary Open House is going to look a little different this year. Parents and students will visit classrooms and drop off school supplies from 5:30-6:00 pm, attend a Title I Parent Meeting from 6:00-6:15 pm (in the new gym), and then they can join the FBLA students as they and local businesses sponsor a **Back to School BBQ** in the Commons at 6:15 pm. We hope everyone had a great summer and here's to a great 2025-2026 school year!

Incoming 7th graders are invited to come visit the school on Wednesday, August 13, from 5:30 to 6:30. The 7th grade students will be able to pick up their schedule and locate their locker, and they may also tour the building. Parents are welcome to come as well. **See you at the Open House!!**



August 13th, 2025

Drop off school supplies
Title I Parent Meeting
Back to School BBQ



| 5:30 PM |

ELKHORN VALLEY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Picture Day!

School pictures are scheduled for August 28 and retakes will be taken on September 18. Pegasus is the photographer again this year, and once again they are GREATLY encouraging online ordering of pictures this year. There are many advantages to doing so. Please watch for a letter from Pegasus that will be sent home with students at the beginning of the school year. The letter will also be posted on the school's homepage!

Elkhorn Valley Schools Foundation

The Elkhorn Valley Schools Foundation was established on November 27, 1995, as a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation. Although the Foundation functions in close continuity with Elkhorn Valley Schools, it remains separate from the School Board and the District budget.

The purpose of the Foundation is to accept and manage contributions, using them beneficially or as necessary for:

- ◆ Scholarships
- ◆ Building improvements, both academic and extracurricular
- ◆ Classroom technology
- ◆ General Foundation Fund

For questions or to make a donation to the Foundation, please contact Mr. Hahne at the school at 402-368-5301.

Student Fees Policy

Once again the state is requiring all schools to have available a **Student Fees Policy**. Elkhorn Valley has adopted such a policy, and it will be distributed to all students on the first day of school. Parents are asked to review this important information and are encouraged to contact Mr. Hahne, Superintendent, if there are any questions regarding the policy.

FEDERAL & STATE AID

You will find in this newsletter information about applying for **FREE OR REDUCED LUNCHES** for this upcoming school year. We would like to encourage any family that can qualify under these guidelines to apply. The number of free and reduced lunch applications we have not only affects our lunch program, but it is also the measurement used in determining other federal money for our school. For example, the amount of money we are awarded to fund our Title I program for the 2023-2024 school year will be determined by the number of free and reduced lunches we served during the 2022-2023 school year.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING FREE/REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS!!

- ◆ EVS families are reminded that the National School Lunch Program is available to all families. There is an application form available in this newsletter for your convenience.
- ◆ Families who receive school meal program benefits through the DHHS Direct Certification Program have received notification from DHHS or from EVS regarding your child's meal benefits therefore it is not necessary for the paper application to be completed.
- ◆ Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, meal prices will be \$2.00 for Preschool students, \$3.00 for elementary students and \$3.25 for JH and HS students for hot lunch and \$2.00 for breakfast for all students. A carton of milk is .50. The ala carte price for 7-12 graders is \$1.00. Meal prices for adults are \$3.05 for breakfast and \$4.90 for lunch.
- ◆ For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Elkhorn Valley Schools at 402-368-5301.



STUDENT INSURANCE

Student accident insurance will again be available this year to all students.

IMPORTANT: The application form will be located on the EVS homepage **ONLY**, and can be found by clicking on the **Menu**, then click on **Links** to locate **Student Accident Insurance**. Parents will be required to complete the application and purchase the insurance online. The application will be submitted directly to the insurance provider.

High school students, grades 9-12, who will be participating in fall activities will be required to have their online application form completed and submitted to the company OR have a signed waiver form completed and turned into their coach within the first two days of practice.

Waiver forms will be made available at the mandatory parent meeting held on August 5. If you need a copy of that waiver form, please contact the school or your child's coach. Thank you!!

KIDS CONNECTION



Once again the state-sponsored children's health insurance program, entitled Kids Connection, will be made available to all school aged children. Parents who are interested in receiving more information regarding this program should contact Elkhorn Valley Schools.

This children's health insurance program went into effect on September 1, 1998, and provides health care coverage to children of low-income working families in Nebraska. More than 24,000 Nebraska children under the age of 19 lack any form of health insurance, therefore this program fulfills an important need. Once eligible, a child will receive coverage for twelve continuous months, regardless of changes in family income. This means more consistent and comprehensive medical, dental and certain mental health services for children and less administrative burden for providers, clients and agency workers.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Elkhorn Valley Schools would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new families into the communities of Meadow Grove and Tilden! We would also like to encourage new families to register their school age children as soon as possible. Office hours at the school are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday the summer months.

REMINDER TO PARENTS!!

Please be sure to update your child's student contact information in PowerSchool whenever there is a change in your phone number, address, emergency contact, place of employment, etc. It is important that the school has all updated family information in case it is necessary to contact you during the school day.

****3rd—6th grade parents should download the PowerSchool App so that you have constant and immediate updates on your child's academic progress.** Please do not hesitate to ask if you have questions!

Blessings in a Backpack

Feeding The Future Of America

Elkhorn Valley Schools is once again offering a weekend Backpack Program at our school this year - **open to all EVS students, grades Preschool through 12**. This free program is a way to help those families by providing food over the weekend. A bag filled with food will be sent home with children in the program on Fridays each week during the school year. The food is for your child to use over the weekend. The program plans on starting at the end of August/first of September.

If you think the Backpack program would help your child, there will be participation forms available during the upcoming Open House which will be held on Wednesday, August 13. There will also be forms available in the school office.

If you have any questions, please call the school at (402) 368-5301.

Parents—Please make sure that your family promotes education by not allowing your child to wear clothing that is derogatory toward school. Thank you! The Staff and Administration appreciate your support!

Kick-Off Supper To Be Held!

The Booster Club's annual Kick-off Potluck Supper will be held on Tuesday, August 19, starting at 6:30 pm at the Tilden City Auditorium. Due to the high volume of students, we are limiting this to **high school fall athletics/band/dance and their families**. We ask that you bring a main dish and side or dessert to share with the crowd. Table service and drinks will be provided by the EV Booster Club.

Booster Club will be available to provide information on how to sign up to work the concession stand. We ask that all parents who have a child involved in any extracurricular activities, sign up to work 2 shifts in the concession stand. The concession stand is the Booster Club's primary way of earning money. Money earned is invested back into our extra-curricular activities each year. If you are unable to attend the Kick-Off Supper, please contact Jolene Larson at 402-640-5271 or any Booster Club member to learn how to schedule a shift. Any parent who has not signed up will be assigned a date to work whenever help is needed. You will be notified as soon as the schedule is available.

Booster Club meetings are held on the third Monday of every month at 7:00 pm in the school commons area. Everyone is welcome to attend. Fresh ideas on how we can show our support to the students are much needed!! We hope to see you at the Kick-Off Supper AND at the next meeting! Thank you for your support!!



USDA NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. **mail:** U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:** (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or **email:** Program.Intake@usda.gov

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

ACTIVITY TICKETS

Activity tickets will be available for purchase at the Elkhorn Valley School offices. The prices for this year are \$30 for students, \$35 for senior citizens, and \$40 for adults and there is also a Family Pass available for \$110. The activity ticket is your pass to most local music and athletic activities. Conference, state and tournament events, however, are not included. Admission to Elkhorn Valley School activities is \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. **Just a reminder that EVS students in grades 7-12 are admitted FREE to home games!!**

**JH & HS physicals are due
BEFORE any student can
participate in practice
of any activity.**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Elkhorn Valley Schools offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$2.00 for K-12 students**; lunch costs **\$3.00 for K-6 students and \$3.25 for 7-12 students**. **Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals**. Reduced price is **.30** for breakfast and **.40** for lunch. If your child(ren) qualified for free or reduced price meals at the end of last school year, you must submit a new application by **September 29** in order to avoid an interruption in meal benefits.

This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?

All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) are eligible for free meals.

Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.

Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.

Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.

Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call (402)368-5301 or e-mail mary@elkhornvalleyschools.org.

DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? *No. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: **Elkhorn Valley Schools**.

SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? *No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions.* If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact **Mary Dahl at Elkhorn Valley Schools** immediately.

MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? *Yes.* Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.

I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please send in an application.

WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? *Yes.* We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.

IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? *Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year.* For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Darin Hahne, Superintendent, (402)368-5301 or email mr.hahne@elkhornvalleyschools.org**

**NUTRITION SERVICES
INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES**

JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026

Reduced Price Meals				
Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
28,953	2,413	1,207	1,114	557
39,128	3,261	1,631	1,505	753
49,303	4,109	2,055	1,897	949
59,478	4,957	2,479	2,288	1,144
69,653	5,805	2,903	2,679	1,340
79,828	6,653	3,327	3,071	1,536
90,003	7,501	3,751	3,462	1,731
100,178	8,349	4,175	3,853	1,927
10,175	848	424	392	196

LUNCH CHARGE POLICY

Students and parents are reminded that all students are allowed to charge up to five lunches on their account. After five charges, however, junior high and high school students may have their meal privileges revoked until payment has been received. This is in accordance with the Nutrition Services Department with the Nebraska Department of Education and is printed in the school handbooks.

JUST A REMINDER...

The school cafeteria will be offering "healthy" snacks to purchase as ala carte items. There will be fruit juices, fresh fruit, yogurt, etc. These items will need to be paid for as the students select the item they want.

Breakfast and ala carte items will be served from 7:30 to 8:05 every morning. No food can be taken from the lunch room. We would like to encourage all students who come to school early in the morning to take advantage of this program.




Elkhorn Valley Schools
The sandwich of the week is for JH-HS students ONLY.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
This institution is an equal opportunity provider. The menu is subject to change.		The Salad Bar will begin on August 18. The Salad Bar is available DAILY to all students grades Kindergarten through 12th!!			1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 <i>Sandwich of the Week</i> PBJ	11			14 BR: Donuts, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Hotdog/Bun, Triangle, Frozen Fruit, Milk	15 BR: Egg/Cheese Sandwich, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Sweet/Sour Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Bread Stick, Milk	16
17 <i>Sandwich of the Week</i> Turkey	18 BR: Super Pretzel, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Corndogs, Carrots, Cookie, Milk			19 BR: Cheese Omelet, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Chicken Patty/Bun, Tatertots, Applesauce, Milk	20 BR: Strawberry Bagel, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Chicken Fry Steak, Whipped Potatoes/Gravy, Roll, Milk	21 BR: Pancakes, Egg, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Beef Taco, Fresh Broccoli, Frozen Fruit, Milk
24 <i>Sandwich of the Week</i> Ham	25 BR: French Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Spaghetti/Meat Sauce, Broccoli, Cheese-bread, Milk	26 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Hot Ham/Cheese/Bun, Carrots, Cookie, Milk	27 BR: Eggstravaganza, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Chicken Legs, Potatoes/Gravy, Roll, Milk	28 BR: Yogurt Parfait, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Turkey Wrap, Fries, Bar, Milk	29 BR: Pancake, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Meat Nachos, Cheese, Corn, Black Bean Salsa, Milk	30
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sandwich of the Week PBJ</p>	<p>1 </p>	<p>2 BR: Cinnamon Bar, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Cheeseburger, Fruit, Baked Beans, Milk</p>	<p>3 BR: Super Pretzel, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Popcorn Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Bread Stick, Milk</p>	<p>4 BR: Egg, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Chicken Nuggets, Tater tots, Cookie, Milk</p>	<p>5 BR: Blueberry Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Goulash, Green Beans, Roll, Milk</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 Sandwich of the Week Turkey</p>	<p>8 BR: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Ham & Noodles, Corn, Roll, Milk</p>	<p>9 BR: Eggstravaganza, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Hotdog, Fries, Cookie, Milk</p>	<p>10 BR: Strawberry Bagel, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Chicken Fry Steak, Whipped Potatoes, Roll, Milk</p>	<p>11 BR: Yogurt Parfait, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Beef Taco, Fresh Carrots, Watermelon, Milk</p>	<p>12 BR: Tornado, Cheese Stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Chicken Quesadilla, Green Beans, Chocolate Cake, Milk</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 Sandwich of the Week Ham</p>	<p>15 BR: Dutch Waffles, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Chicken Alfredo/ Butter Noodles, Broccoli, Bread Stick, Milk</p>	<p>16 BR: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Chicken Patty/Bun, Tater tots, Cookie, Milk</p>	<p>17 BR: French Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Ham Patty, Whipped Potatoes/ Gravy, Roll, Milk</p>	<p>18 BR: Cereal, Smokies, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Meat and Cheese Nachos, Black Bean Salsa, Carrots, Milk</p>	<p>19 BR: Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Fiesta Pizza, Green Beans, Bar, Milk</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 Sandwich of the Week PBJ</p>	<p>22 BR: Cheese Omelet, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Corn dogs, Baked Beans, Side Kix, Milk</p>	<p>23 BR: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Hot Ham/Cheese Sandwich, Sweet Potato Fries, Bar, Milk</p>	<p>24 BR: Empanada, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Broccoli & Cheese, Bread Stick, Milk</p>	<p>25 BR: Poptart, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Chicken Fajita, Tater tots, Cookie, Milk</p>	<p>26 No School Parent Teacher Conferences</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 Sandwich of the Week Turkey</p>	<p>29 BR: Cinnamon Bar, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Chicken Tenders, Whipped Potatoes, Roll, Milk</p>	<p>30 BR: Pancakes, Eggs, Fruit, Juice, Milk LNC: Burrito, Broccoli & Cheese, Cookie, Milk</p>	<p>This institution is an equal opportunity provider. The menu is subject to change.</p>		<p>The Salad Bar is available DAILY to all students grades Kindergarten through 12th!</p>	

Free & Reduced Price School Meals Family Application – complete one application per household Attachment C: 2025-26

Return Completed Application to: *(Insert School Name & Mailing Address here)*

Part 1: Children in School

List names of all children in school (First, Middle Initial, Last). If all children listed are foster, skip to Part 4 to sign the form. If some of the children are foster or are homeless, migrant or runaway children, complete all steps of the application.

	Grade	Name of School Child Attends	Check all that apply:	
			Foster Child	Homeless, Migrant, Runaway
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 2: Assistance Programs – SNAP, TANF or FDPIR Benefits

Enter **MASTER CASE NUMBER** if household qualifies for SNAP, TANF or FDPIR: (Social Security numbers, Medicaid numbers and EBT numbers are not accepted.) Skip to Part 4

Part 3: Total Household Gross Income – You must tell us how much and how often.

1. Household Members List everyone in the household, current income each person earns in whole dollars (no cents) & how often. Entering "0" or leaving the income field blank certifies no income to report. A foster child's personal use income must be listed.	2. Gross Income (before taxes) and How Often it was Received					
	Earnings from Work before deductions		Public Assistance, Child Support, Alimony		Pensions, Retirement and All Other Income	
	Income	How often	Income	How often	Income	How often
Total Number of Household Members: (Children and Adults) _____	Last four digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of the adult signing this form: XXX – XXX – _____		Check if no SSN <input type="checkbox"/>			

Part 4: Adult Signature and Contact Information – An adult household member must sign the application.

"I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws."

Sign here: _____ Print name: _____ Date: _____

Street Address (if available): _____ Zip: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Part 5: Children's Ethnic and Racial Identities – Optional

Check one Ethnic Identity: – and – **Check one or more Racial Identities:**

Hispanic or Latino Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 Not Hispanic or Latino White American Indian or Alaskan Native

Do Not Fill Out the Section Below - For School Use Only

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly X 52; Every 2 weeks X 26; Twice a month X 24; Monthly X 12

Total Household Size: _____

Total Income: _____ per _____
 Year Month 2 X Mo Every 2 Wks Week

Free Reduced Denied
 Income Income Reason for denial:
 Categorically eligible:
 SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Income too high
 Foster Child Incomplete application
 Homeless/Migrant/Runaway;
(Official Documentation Required at School)

Signature of Determining Official: _____ Date Approved: _____

FOR THE VERIFICATION PROCESS ONLY

Signature of Confirming Official: _____ Date Confirmed: _____

Signature of Verifying Official: _____ Date Verified: _____

Date Withdrawn From School: _____

Computing Income for Self-Employed Individuals

Individuals who are self-employed or engaged in farming may experience variations in cash flow and cannot easily report a monthly income. These individuals can use their 2024 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return Form 1040 to report self-employment income for the free and reduced-price meal application. The income to report is income derived from the business venture less operating costs incurred in the generation of that income. Deductions for personal expenses such as interest on home mortgages, medical expenses and other similar non-business items are not allowed in reducing gross business income.

When completing this form, losses (negative numbers) reported on any of the lines below are included when determining the total self-employed income. If the total income is a negative number, it is to be recorded as zero on the meal application in the column labeled "All Other Income".

Zero income resulting from use of the 1040 Form does not require follow-up.

Important Reminders from the U.S. Individual Income Tax Return Form 1040:

Line 1 cannot be used to report current income. Income from wages or salaries must be reported on the application for the most recent month.

Line 9 (Total Income) and line 11 (Adjusted Gross Income) cannot be used for the purpose of applying for free and reduced-price meals.

The five line items listed below are used to determine allowable self-employment income.

From the first page of the U.S. Individual Income Tax Return Form 1040:

Line 7 Capital Gain or (loss) _____

From the U.S. Individual Income Tax Return Form 1040 – SCHEDULE 1 – under Part 1 – Additional Income:

Line 3 Business Income or (loss) _____

Line 4 Other Gains or (losses) _____

Line 5 Rental Real Estate, etc. _____

Line 6 Farm Income or (loss) _____

Total of the above five lines: _____

_____ equals annual self-employed income *

* Report this figure on the meal application in the column labeled "All Other Income".

If the total of the above lines is a negative number, it must be changed to zero before it is transferred to the meal application.

NOTE: This form is used only to report income from self-employment and/or farming. If any members of the household have income from other jobs, the gross income from those jobs must be reported on the meal application form.

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MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced price meals.

WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application, or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.

WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.

WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper, and attach it to your application. Contact **Mary Dahl at Elkhorn Valley Schools** to receive a second application.

MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits, please go online to ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov or call 1-800-383-4278.

If you have other questions or need help, call **(402)368-5301**.

BUS ROUTE SCHEDULE

By Daryl Simeon, Bus Coordinator



Just a reminder that if there is a change in your family's pick up or drop off schedule, PLEASE call or text Daryl Simeon at 402-368-8057. Also call and leave a message at the bus barn at (402)368-2128. We ask that you call the bus barn **before 6:45 a.m. for a morning change, by 11:00 a.m. for an Afternoon Preschool pickup** and by 3:00 p.m. for an after school change.

With regards to morning pickups, buses will wait **ONE MINUTE** at a stop in the country. Students should be ready and waiting for the bus so that the bus driver is not waiting on your child to get to the bus. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

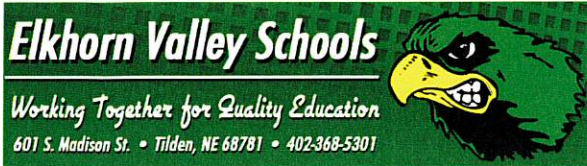
Also just a reminder that students will be allowed two (2) pick up / drop off places again this year.

<u>Meadow Grove #2—RED BUS</u>	<u>Southeast #5—GREEN BUS</u>	<u>Northwest #7—WHITE BUS</u>	<u>Southwest #4—BLUE BUS</u>
<u>Peggy Dittrich, 368-2980</u>	<u>Jerome Ollendick, 750-4526</u>	<u>Al Smidt, 368-5653</u>	<u>Rusty Rautenberg, 368-8883</u>
7:00 Jason Suckstorf	7:05 Jerry Brown	7:00 Krista Rystrom	7:10 Casey Dittrich
7:05 Reed Schellen	7:15 Cole Austin	7:10 Joey Cornett	7:20 Oakdale Fire Hall
7:15 Jacob Paustian	7:20 Kyle Afrank	7:15 Randy Frey	7:30 Jamy Penne
7:20 1st & Pleasant Ave.	7:23 Ryan King	7:20 Joey Tegeler	7:35 Ben Hales
7:25 Matt Ottis	7:30 Keith Meyer	7:22 Mitchell Tegeler	7:43 Colton Rudnick
7:30 Shane Novotny	7:35 Jacob Humphrey	7:30 Lucas Negus	7:48 Hospital Corner
7:45 Jordan Carnes School	7:40 Brandon Krueger	7:35 North St. & Elm St.	7:50 Little Lambs Day Care School
	7:45 Adam Rutjens	7:40 405 Park Street	
	7:50 Chad Larson School	7:42 3rd St. & Elm St. School	
<u>Mini Bus Schedule</u> <u>Darrell Wyatt</u>			
7:25 Eymann			
7:30 Jodi Rader			
7:38 Parra Family			
7:48 California Street			



- ⇒ Buses will unload students in the mornings on the north side of the school. Students will enter the building and report to the 1987 Gym where they will be supervised.
- ⇒ Elementary students will be dismissed from the north side of the school at the end of the school day. Secondary students will board the buses from the north side of the school as well.
- ⇒ Buses can be identified by a COLOR sticker—RED, GREEN, WHITE OR BLUE — as well as by their bus number.
- ⇒ No FOOD or DRINK can be consumed on the morning and afternoon bus routes!

Parents: Just a reminder that this schedule is subject to change and the times listed are a guide and more definite times are established as the school year progresses. If you see that your family has not been listed on the bus route, please let us know as soon as possible.



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August - Kitchen Klatter

By Nancy Rich, Lunchroom Supervisor

Hello! What an amazing summer. Lightning, thunder, rain, hail, yards and gardens that resemble an Amazon Jungle with some really hot muggy days to catch up with the mower and tiller. Sunburns, cuts, bruises, and memories made. Safely.

Every season has a host of safety concerns, as do our kitchens. We *"klattered"* on last year about food. (Hope the ½ plate of fruits and veggies has found a place on your table.) This year we will give the star of our kitchen, "food", its partners in production. Safety being our topic and instead of seasons, we will have areas. Preparing Food, Cooking Food, Storing Food, and Reheating Food. We will jump in with a few questions to mull over and throw in some HACCP tips and SOP's that your EVHS Kitchen Staff uses daily.

—What is an SOP and what does HACCP stand for? When you enter your kitchen, what 2 items are the dirtiest? Your muddy shoes and hungry children don't count!!!

Thankful for the safety our community has enjoyed so far this summer, and looking forward to the stories we will hear about all of the memories made, big and small during the summer of 2025.

September - Kitchen Klatter

By Nancy Rich, Lunchroom Supervisor

Safety in the kitchen. The first few things we think about are burns and cuts. Yup, those do happen. We will focus more on

the issue of Food Safety. What can we do to keep our food safe to eat? Gobs of things! Not only safe to eat, but safe to store and reheat.

Previously I shot out a question about dirty items in our kitchens. The two that should be tackled first, before anything else, are WASH YOUR HANDS, and get your phone off of your counter.

When we enter our kitchens we grab and go. So frig handles, faucet handles, counter tops and drink dispensers all have cooties from everyone. OK...Bacteria, not cooties. When was the last time you sanitized your phone? How many times do we talk and cook at the same time? Can you name all of the places you have put your phone down today, like the back of the toilet, on the ground, in your back pocket, and so on. So let's get a kitchen cup holder for your phone and wash your hands before you cook, when you start preparing a salad after handling meat, and after you handle something that is not food, like tying a shoe lace for your two-year old that had an accident today. Yup, washing hands is an SOP. Standard Operating Procedure, that is a part of our Hazardous Analysis and Critical Control Point, (HACCP), plan.

When you enter an area of safety, it can sound like rocket science. SOP and HACCP are just the tip of the iceberg. Let's chip some ice off and use some common sense. Wash your hands, and have your family wash their hands when helping prepare food and before eating food.

More rocket science next month for a healthy and safe plan, like, wash your produce before running a knife through it, it has cooties too. Don't want cooties on every slice.