



Park Ridge Elementary  
3313 Park Ridge Dr.

# Falcon Flyer

April 2016

## Upcoming Events

1st- Picture Day  
Round 2

29th- No school

## PTA Upcoming Events

1st- Movie Night  
7 PM

5th- Dinner Night  
Out at Pizza Hut

19th- Skate  
Night at  
RollerDrome



## PTA in Action

Hello Park Ridge Falcons!

Spring has sprung!

Our last movie night of the year is Friday, April 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. Enter through the side doors. We will be showing...."Finding Nemo"! Refreshments will be sold: Pizza, water, popcorn and candy. Come enjoy a free movie! Parental supervision is required.

Tuesday, April 5th will be Dinner Night Out at Pizza Hut. All Nampa locations and online code available to order anywhere in the U.S.

Tuesday, April 19th is our Skate Night at the RollerDrome. Come show off your awesome skating!

Watch for upcoming information on Bingo Night and Pastry with Parents to come in May!

Our Read-a-thon was a success! Thank you parents and students for helping to get pledges!

The Overall Student who raised the most pledges per grade level:

**Kindergarten:** Was a tie! Kyla Malson & Weston Seamon

**1st Grade:** Daniel Sherman

**2nd Grade:** Gavin Parker

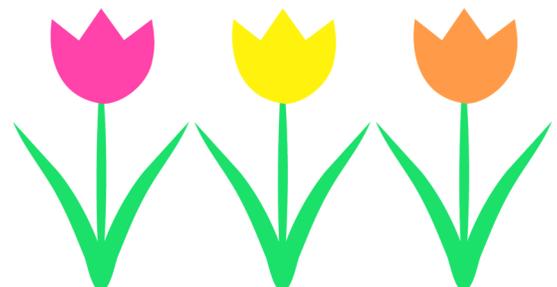
**3rd Grade:** Hallie Guzman

**4th Grade:** Austin Cornell

**5th Grade:** Abby Wallen

Great Job!

Happy Spring!



## **MUSIC NOTES**



Once again, April's skill of the month is clapping. Clapping games help children in several different ways. Motor skills are used in many ways, eyes are trained to track visual patterns, students can feel both rhythm and beat, and students have to work together. A great source to find new clapping games to try at home is youtube. Just search "Hand Clap Games" and try something new today!

## **Walk/Run Club**

Get your running/walking shoes on for the 2016 Walk/Run Club!! The fun will start on March 31<sup>st</sup> and continue every Tuesday and Thursday during lunch recess till May 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **Testing Tips**

April is the month! This month marks the beginning of our end of the year district and state standardized assessments. We are excited to see the improvements and academic growth students have made. Here are a few things that you can do to help your child perform to the best of his/her ability on these tests:

-Continue to read at home daily as part of his/her homework. Reading fluency and comprehension is key to student success in school and all standardized tests.

-Get your student to school ON TIME on the day of testing. Teachers will be sending home dates of the tests. Some of the assessments begin first thing in the morning, so it is important that your child be at school on time.

-Be sure your student gets a good breakfast on the day of the test. Studies have shown that protein-rich foods as well as citrus fruits help students think more clearly and keep better focus.

-Have your child drink a full glass of water the morning of the test. Good hydration is imperative for brain function.

-Encourage your child to do his/her best. As much as we are striving to meet state standards, it is even more important that students feel successful and not stressed about the test. Let them know that you are proud of them before the test is even taken.

Thank you for all of your help and support in educating your child. Students have been working hard at home as well as hard at school. They are going to do great!