

Emerson Eaglet

September 12th, 2016



Welcome back!

Summer vacation has ended and it's back to school. I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy summer activities, spend time with family and friends, and get some rest and relaxation. I am so excited to have teachers and students back at Emerson. A principal's job gets pretty lonely during the summer months!

The faculty and community council have established two new priorities in our school improvement plan (SIP) for this year. The first priority is to improve our math instruction across all grade levels. Our teachers will be working with our district math coach to receive training on effective math instructional practices and use them in their daily lessons. Our second priority is to develop Emerson's professional learning community (PLC). We will continue our collaborative conversations, learn from each other, and focus on all kids learning at a high level.

At Emerson we will continue to focus on improving student attendance and begin to work on our students arriving to school on time. We have positive classroom and school-wide interventions to put in place this year. Our goal is to have all of our kids in the classroom by eight o'clock, sharp. Parents, please support us in our efforts. Let's all strive to get our students to school every day on time. When we all work together we accomplish so much!

I am looking forward to another outstanding year at Emerson. I am honored to be part of the Emerson community. It is truly a privilege to serve as your principal.
Ms. Reynolds

Eduardo, the Emerson school mascot, recently made a special appearance at the Positive Behavior Assembly. Students were amazed by his unique guitar skills on the classic song "**We Will Rock You!**" Way to rock out, Eduardo!



Walk-a-thon

As the school gets ready for the Walk-a-thon we encourage kids to reach out to their community for support. Fill out your shoe coupons as you reach your fundraising goal. **Bring a shoe/coupon on Friday 16th for the second popcorn Friday.** The grade level that raises the most money per student will get a pizza party.

During the walk-a-thon you will have fun! Music from DJ Rob will rock your world as you jam to the beat and get the lead out around the field.

If you would like to make on-line donations to the fundraiser the PTA is setup on the Go Fund Me site. www.gofundme.com/emersonwalks2016.



Sept 16 – Popcorn Friday

Sept. 23 – PTA Walk-a-thon

Sept. 28 – SCC meeting
5:30pm

Sept. 30 – Non-student day

Oct. 5 – PTA meeting 6:30pm

Oct 6 - Dia de los Muertos
Planning meeting 6pm

Oct 14 - Prep night Dia de los
Muertos

Oct 17 – 20 – Book Fair





The Emerson Community Garden

is enjoying a plentiful harvest season! Students are invited to visit the garden during morning recess hosted by Ms. Jana and our two new volunteers, Melissa and Jan. The rules are the same; please be respectful in the garden at all times, there is no running or tag in the garden. Please pick only with permission. You need permission every time. The only things you do not need permission to eat are mint and ground cherries. The food growing in the garden is for the students. Food

picked in the garden should be eaten in the garden. Please let bugs and spiders be. The garden is home to many creatures, please carefully and excitedly observe but do not touch. The ladybugs are back this year, be sure to come in and see the life cycle of the ladybug on the dill plants!

Volunteer opportunities: Hosting Open Garden Recess, this entails opening and monitoring the garden the same day each week during recess for the remainder of the growing season.

Compost Volunteer: Volunteering in the lunch room with a certain grade to organize a composting program. We have an incredible compost tumbler and plenty of hands to turn it, we just need more food waste.

Contact Jana @ emersonsgarden@hotmail.com

Garden Fresh Salsa:

8 ripe (but firm) tomatoes, diced

1/4 red onion, diced

1/4 white or yellow onion, diced

1 green pepper (or hot/spicy peppers of choice!), diced

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 T lemon juice

1 t cumin

Salt to taste (1 t)

Fresh cilantro to taste (leaves of one grocery store bunch), roughly chopped



In the garden the kids tasted the salsa and tried to guess the ingredients. I couldn't trick them, they were able to work together to guess them all! Everyone agreed salsa is a great way to eat more fresh veggies, and all of the zucchini and yellow squash "chips" (really just raw slices!) were eaten by the end of recess! (Melisa Brink)

Join the PTA

The Parent Teacher Association at Emerson is a strong, highly effective organization bringing financial and emotional support to our school. Last year the PTA helped the school purchase the new marquee and the soccer goals. The PTA supports teachers (in the form of treats) during the SEC meetings and supports the library during two book fairs. Most importantly we support the kids. We support children through classroom grants, field trips, and fun things like yearbooks and classroom incentive parties? Please join us by signing up for emails (an easy way to see what help is needed) or attending our 1 hour monthly meetings the first Wednesday of every month. Just get on the email list and help little by little.

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You can also email the PTA any photos of kids at school or on school activities. These photos could end up in the yearbook and your child could see themselves in print!!



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