

# EMERSON NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2022

## THANK YOU, EMERSON FAMILIES!

Thank you, for all that you each have done to get our 2022-2023 school year off to an amazing start because it has truly been amazing! I am putting out a plug to join our PTO. Emerson PTO is hands down the most fun organization to join! Please come to the events & monthly meetings.

You won't regret joining a group that makes a difference in the lives of our students. My second plug is for parent-teacher conferences. We want to partner with you and connecting with 100% of you is our goal. We look forward to seeing all of you!

😊 **Mrs. Denice Leddy, Emerson Elementary Principal**



## ✦ UPCOMING EMERSON DATES ✦

- Thurs., Sept. 22: Father's Walk (See Flyer below)
- Wed., Sept. 28: PTO Meeting, 6PM
- Thurs., Sept. 29: Heritage Night, 6:30-8PM in the gym (See flyers below)
- Thurs., Oct. 13: Picture Day! (Flyers will be sent home when received)
- Fri., Oct. 14: No School for Students due to NEOEA Day
- Mon., Oct. 17: No School for Students due to Safety & Security Day Staff Training
- Tues. 10/25 - Wed. 10/26: Grade 3 Reading State Testing
- Fri., Oct. 21: PTO Fall Festival with Trunk or Treat (More info to come)
- Fri., Oct. 28: Character Costume Day with Parade (See below & more info to come)
- Th., Nov. 3: Kids at school & then evening Conferences 4-8PM
- Fri., Nov. 4: No School for Students: AM Conferences & PM Staff Professional Learning
- Mon., Nov. 7: No School for Students: 12:30-8PM Conferences

# Fathers & Father Figures Walk

## September 22, 2022

Join Fathers, Male Relatives, & Male Mentors in Cuyahoga County & **walk your child to school.**

- \* I AM RESPONSIBLE for the education of my child.
  - \* I WILL ENCOURAGE all children to do their best every day at school.
  - \* I WILL SPEAK to my child about the value of learning and the importance of reaching your potential.
  - \* I WILL HELP with school work and review assignments for completion.
  - \* I WILL PRAISE my child when he/she does well in school.
  - \* I WILL SPEAK with my child's teachers and support them in educating my child.
  - \* I WILL TEACH my child the value of education and the value of family.
  - \* I WILL WORK with my child's mother or guardian to achieve the best academic and social outcomes for my child even if I do not live with my child.
- \*Theresa Mejia Johnson, I am a Dream, 2012

When a Father is involved in his child's education, the child performs better in school!



Fathers, Grandfathers, Foster Fathers, Step-Fathers, Uncles, Cousins, Big Brothers, significant male caregivers and friends of the family are all encouraged to participate in the Fathers Walk! Once you arrive at Emerson, be sure to grab a picture by our balloon arch to remember the morning!

## EMERSON PTO

It was wonderful to see so many members at our first meeting! **Mark your calendars for September 28th at 6pm to join us for our next PTO meeting.**

We are excited to bring back **Heritage Night** as our first Family Nights event! September 29th, the Emerson gym is transformed into a showcase of our cultures! This event is a favorite, and we are so excited to host it in person again. The flyer and RSVP form have been sent home and a digital copy is included in this newsletter. If you'd like to help before, during or after the event, please visit the sign up genius. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4DA5AB29A6F58-heritage1> This is a great way to jump in with PTO!

Emerson Staff has a new **Celebration and Engagement Committee**! Their goal is to bring fun and engagement to Emerson through monthly celebrations and observances. They've asked for our help! There is a large display case in the Jackson Hallway that the staff would like to have decorated to fit the theme each month. The glass cases do have a lock, so if you are interested in helping or donating an item to display, it will be safe. Please visit the sign up genius link to see the monthly themes and sign up to help decorate!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4DA5AB29A6F58-decorate>

Unfortunately, we are unable to join the Mumkins (Mums) **Fundraising Sale** this year. We hope to bring this to you in the future.

**Spirit wear** was sent home with your student. We hope you love what you purchased!

**It's never too late to join the Emerson PTO!** It's a great way to make new friends, stay up to date with what is going on at school, and support our staff and the Emerson Community. At our last meeting, **we voted to use funds to support** a new rug for the library to use during story times (see picture below), celebrate golden spatula winners with a treat at the end of each month, give the 3rd grade team a digital subscription to Raz-Kids, help the Kindergarten students stay organized with chair pockets, and add decor and learning to our hallways with educational stair riser decals! We are also busy preparing for Heritage Nights and our Fall Festival. If you'd like to learn more or be a part of any of those events, please email us at the address below. Hope to see you soon!

- Karyn and Sara, Emerson Co-presidents

#### Ways to Connect with Emerson PTO

- Follow Emerson PTO on Facebook: @EmersonElementary PTO
- Email with questions to: [emersonelementarypto44107@gmail.com](mailto:emersonelementarypto44107@gmail.com)
- Join to support & learn more: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/pto-membership-39316>



#### PLEASE JOIN



#### CARPET FUNDED BY PTO

Already getting so much love. Thank you, PTO!



#### HISPANIC HERITAGE AWARENESS

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage has begun. See PTO information on how you can contribute!



# Heritage Night

*Enriching Emerson by celebrating our diversity through food!*

**Thursday, September 29th • 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Emerson School Gymnasium**

Heritage Night is our annual all school potluck dinner.

Bring the family and a dish to share that highlights your family's heritage. This year, we would also like to provide families with the space to demonstrate heritage specific dances, flag explanations, cooking demonstrations, &/or traditional dress descriptions. If anyone in your family would like to enlighten the

Emerson community, please complete the attached form.

*RSVP: Return the next page in your child/ren's Daily Folder by Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>*

### Emerson PTO Heritage Night RSVP

Child (ren) names: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher (s) names: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

What dish will you bring to share? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a heritage specific tradition, dance, song, flag explanation, cooking demonstration, etc. you would like to share at Heritage Night? If so, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
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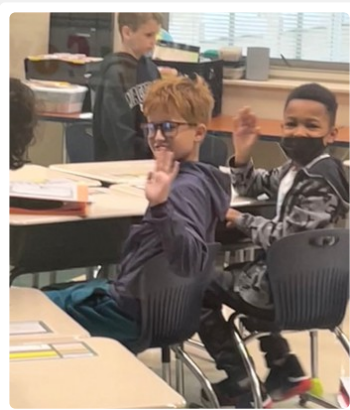
## YOUR REGISTRATION GATEWAY UPDATE IS REQUIRED AT THE START OF EACH YEAR

**IMPORTANT:** If you haven't done so already, your updated contact information is needed through the Registration Gateway. School & district information will get missed without your updates. Pay particular attention to the **ALERT NOW** section so you can receive text, email & call information from Emerson & the District. Questions? Don't wait. Call our secretary, Jenean Carlson at the main office.





HAPPY



STUDENTS



AT EMERSON



WORKING HARD



IN OUR



CLASSROOMS

## PBIS EFFORTS: STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR GOOD CHOICES

- Emerson has a PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention & Support) team in place whose mission is to enhance the school culture and climate by reinforcing positive behavior.
- Emerson has a PBIS matrix that outlines school-wide behavior expectations that need to be upheld by the entire school-community.
- Ranger Bucks and the Ranger Store are a School-wide PBIS support for ALL students, in all school settings. Whole-school token economy systems have been proven to be the most effective PBIS strategy to get buy-in from students and to reinforce positive/desirable behaviors.
- Great News! Our students are showing improved behavior in all settings of the building! See the school store cart below & improved bike safety! Watch for more news of our PBIS work to come.



OUR SCHOOL STORE  
IS ...



ON A CART AT  
RECESS!



MODEL BEHAVIOR  
ON BIKES!

## SIGN-UP FOR OUR CONFERENCE TIME TOGETHER

It is our goal to connect with 100% of our families at parent-teacher conferences. If you are not yet signed up, please reach out to your child's homeroom teacher. If you need a reminder of your sign up time or need a Zoom option, please reach out to them as well. Report card will be passed out at your conference. We look forward to meeting with you at November conferences.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- BREAKFAST is available at 8:30AM at the main entrance & should not arrive earlier, as there is no adult supervision
- ARRIVAL is at 8:45AM and those not coming for breakfast should not arrive earlier, as there is no adult supervision
- LABELING water bottles & lunch boxes is helpful
- CHROMEBOOKS should be charged & wiped down at home. We do not have enough outlets for the class.
- AT DISMISSAL, students are to go directly home
- OUR EMERSON PLAYGROUND is not open to students after school unless they are accompanied by a parent/guardian
- ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL CAR LINE: Please pull all the way up to the stop sign. Adults must stay in the vehicle, to keep everyone safe. We will load students on the right side, the curb side. If you need to get out of the car, a parking spot is to be used. Please display the car line pick up signs. The bolder the print, the better. Thank you for following our process.

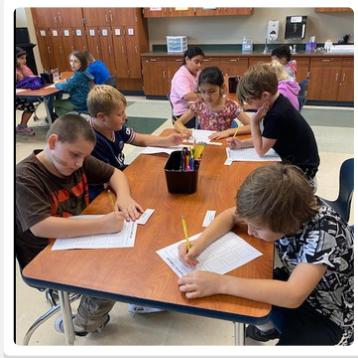




K-5 STEM



CLASSES



ARE ON!



KINDERGARTNERS



EXPLORING IN



STEM CLASS



EXPLORATION



DURING



MATH TIME

## WELLNESS MATTERS IN LAKEWOOD!

**Social Emotional Learning (SEL)** is an important part of our elementary daily instruction in Lakewood and at Emerson. We are blessed to have the role of a **Student Wellness Specialist** to support our students with whole class lessons. Over the next few weeks, our students are working on recognizing and managing emotions. Very powerful work! Ask your kids to teach you about what they learn! We have also begun Morning Mindfulness on Wednesday & Thursday in which student can visit for 10 minutes of mindful start from 8:45-8:55 (See images below)

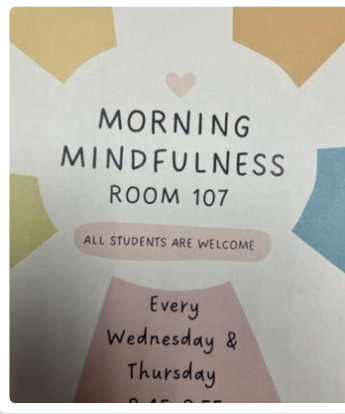
**Kait Turner & Amy Underwood**, share the role of Student Wellness Specialist. Soon **Julie May** will be filling in for Mrs. Underwood's maternity leave.

New to our building this year as **Family Resource Coordinator** is **Megan Schafer**. Megan comes with a professional background in community mental health, family wraparound services and student support services. Her role is to support students and their families. She is here to connect families to resources, reduce barriers that impact attendance and learning and navigate systems within the school and community. She looks forward to meeting all of you and your children this school year!

**Every Wednesday is Wellness Wednesday at Emerson.** Students and staff dress in wellness attire and engage in extra movement experiences.



MORNING



MINDFULNESS



SEL CLASS LESSON



EMERSON



BUDDIES



WORK TOGETHER



FAMILY HUB

## LCS FAMILY HUB RESOURCES

The LCS Family Hub has a wealth of information at your fingertips to support you! You will find resources related to SEL (mentioned above), academics, technology, diversity, mental health & more! As the year progresses, additional content will be added. On the district website, look for the link that looks like this embedded image.



CELEBRATING OUR  
STUDENT WHO ...



THREW OUT THE FIRST  
PITCH ...




AT THE GUARDIANS  
GAME!




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