Principal’s Message

I hope you all enjoyed our spring recess. All of us benefit from time away to rejuvenate and spend time with family and friends. The weather was amazing!

We are entering the end-of-level testing window. This is an opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning. Although this year has been unusual, end-of-level testing is required by the district and state and the data is important to Emerson for instructional planning purposes. It gives us information regarding grade level and individual student academic needs so that planning can take place for next year. This information helps us better serve our students. The testing window runs through May 27th. If you plan to have your student out of school during the testing window, please let your child’s teacher know. We will plan around their time away from school and arrange for him/her to complete their assessments. If you have remote learners, it is so important that you get your child to Emerson for their scheduled testing times. We are operating under a tight schedule this year. Thanks for your support.

The last day of school will be on Monday, June 7th. This is a district emergency make-up day. This will be half day with student dismissal at 12:30.

Thank you to our PTA for sponsoring our annual Emerson STEM Night and egg drop. The egg drop event took place on a rainy Saturday. We moved the event into the gymnasium and Emerson engineers (students) came in the building to test their creations. It was so fun to have families back in the building and see the innovative designs our students created. The virtual STEM night was a huge success as well. This event is another example of shifting gears and doing things in an innovative way. Thanks for your support and participation.

Happy spring!
Ms. Reynolds

Ms Bri received her PhD!

Next time you see her please say congratulations to Dr Deleon! Our esteemed Vice Principal has just received her doctorate in education from the University of Utah’s Education, Leadership and Policy program. During her studies she focused on how district leaders can support teachers during times of crisis such as with the COVID-19 pandemic. She has been able to use some of that knowledge this year planning the resources our teachers needed and will continue to need as we go into the next school year. “It has been a long journey of schooling, but I am relieved yet excited to be done and continue to put into practice all that I have learned and will continue to learn throughout my career.” – Dr Deleon.

Calendar

April 14th – SCC meeting @ 5:30
April 22nd – Spring pictures
April 30th – digital learning day
May 5th – PTA meeting @ 6:30
May 12th – SCC meeting @ 5:30
May 31st – no school – Memorial Day
June 7th – half-day, last day

Read the rest of the Eaglet for STEM night recap and Egg Drop photos. Read about the garden and how 5th grade made a worm bin.
STEMerson 2021 Recap
The PTA is proud of everyone who participated in STEMerson 2021. On Saturday, March 20 (after a brief rain delay) our egg drop engineers put their designs to the test. We had many successful drops and were very impressed by the variety and creativity of the designs. We held Zoom sessions for each of the four STEM kits on Thursday, March 26th. Each Zoom class included a brief presentation on the science behind the kit followed by a fun show and tell/knowledge share from the students. It was wonderful to see the curiosity and excitement from our future scientists and engineers. The PTA is grateful for our 2021 STEM committee for keeping the tradition alive this year - Danny Zigar, Elizabeth Payne, Heidi Schubert, Maddie Judge and Meghan Candee. We would also like to thank Principal Reynolds and all of the parents and students who helped put the STEM kits together. We hope to see you all in person next year!

The STEM Egg Drop challenge was moved into the cafeteria due to extensive rain.
These images reflect some of the sentiments from Ms. Richmonds 6th grade class of what they enjoyed and will miss from their time at Emerson.

5th grade has been learning about how energy is transferred in ecosystems. We worked with Ms. Maddie to create a worm bin to learn about the contribution of decomposers in an ecosystem.
Mrs. Jepsen’s kindergarten class is back in the garden! Students are learning about parts of a plant, plant lifecycles, and what plants need to survive.

Emerson Community Garden

Happy Spring, everyone! The dwarf peach and Asian pear trees are blooming and the bees have returned for another growing season. Next time you go outside, see what signs of spring you can spot!

KinderGARDEN Club has been rolling along with building plant part models, exploring flower anatomy, and investigating seed dispersal. Mrs. Holden’s 3rd graders dissected entire plants from root to petal in February, and the Roberson/Eggleston 5th graders recently built a worm composting bin for their classroom to help illustrate how matter moves through ecosystems. Our garden classroom is buzzing with outdoor learning!

Coming up, the garden will be getting a facelift with some irrigation system upgrades and new soil in the beds. Big thanks to all of the students who submitted their garden-themed art to help beautify our classroom! Keep an eye out for your art on display – photos will be featured on our Instagram @EmersonGarden1 soon!

Move and Grove

As always, our teachers and schools can use more resources to help make the education of your children their priority. Please help provide additional funding for the school and extracurricular activities by donating through the PTA. Donations of more than $100 will receive a yard sign supporting Emerson School.  [https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/move-and-groove-2020](https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/move-and-groove-2020) GoFundMe has provided non-profits a fee-free donation platform, meaning all your donations will go to directly to the PTA. Highest grade donations get popcicles and extra recess.