Dear Emerson Community,

This month includes the celebration of Teacher Appreciation Week. This year's celebration is more relevant than ever as this past year has been a challenging journey for all educators. Thank you to the Emerson PTA for the special lunch, treats, and positive messages. Your continued support of teachers at Emerson is noticed and appreciated.

Speaking of Emerson teachers…congratulation to Ms. Oland-Wong who was selected as a finalist for SLCSD Teacher of the Year. Ms. Oland-Wong is a third-grade teacher in the International Pathways program. Let's all keep our fingers crossed!

I wanted to take a moment to thank our counselor, Zoe Romero, and behavior specialist, Kelly Bowerman for leading the implementation of many of our social emotional learning (SEL) and positive behavior intervention supports (PBIS) practices in our building. Even during remote instruction, Zoe and Kelly made sure that positive practices such as the Eagle Club and student of the week continued. As students returned for in-person instruction, they continue to support students individually, in small groups, and teaching whole classes. Their hard work makes such a difference in the lives of kids. I can't say enough about the many things they do to make Emerson a safe and supportive place for students.

Our school year is ending, and it is time for laptop computer and hotspot returns. Devices will be returned after our final digital instruction day on June 2. Look for a detailed plan from your child’s classroom teacher. We need all devices returned for required maintenance and reimaging, so they are ready for use in August.

We have some teachers leaving the Emerson team. Ms. Feller will be working as a district consulting teacher, Mrs. Brockmyer is moving to Virginia with her family, Mrs. Jepsen is moving with her family to Florida, and Mrs. Young is taking a leave to be home with her new baby. They will be missed, and we wish them well!

Thank you to everyone in the Emerson community for staying positive, kind, and forgiving as we have all embarked on a remarkable journey this year. This experience reinforces my belief that our resilient students and families remain the best thing about Emerson.

Ms. Reynolds
Emerson Garden

It's planting season in the garden! April was a busy month in our outdoor classroom. Students and teachers used the space for 15 different classes ranging from plant dissections and scavenger hunts to butterfly releases and garden maintenance.

KinderGARDEN Club planted flowers to take home at the end of the year and have been exploring the garden when the weather is nice. 3rd graders dissected whole plants and have been taking their science classes outside. 4th graders planted tomato seeds that will eventually go out in the garden once they’re big enough. 6th graders helped repaint the top boards of our raised beds to prolong their lifespan. A handful of amazing volunteers dug up leaky irrigation pieces and replaced them with new donated parts. New soil was added to the beds, and the water has been turned on for the year.

Classes will be helping Miss Maddie plant seeds and donated seedlings from our friends at Wasatch Community Gardens over the next few weeks. Pretty soon our garden will be an edible jungle again!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: If you would like to help with summer garden maintenance (weeding, checking the irrigation system, and harvesting ripe produce), please follow this link to sign up for a week: https://bit.ly/3eAjvbb

Reach out with questions via email (EmersonGarden@hotmail.com) or on Instagram (@EmersonGarden1). Thanks for all of your support this growing season!

Thanks WCG for extra seedlings!
6th grade graduation
Congratulations to the graduating 6th grade Emerson students. A public outdoor gathering will take place on the Emerson Field on June 2nd from 6-7pm. Families with masks and social distancing will be welcome to celebrate with our proud 6th grade students. Good luck to them as they move on to middle school and beyond.

Neighborhood ELP
Ms Hurst's Neighborhood ELP students are pulled out of their normal classes twice a week for additional challenging coursework. This spring, they have been studying the differences and similarities in butterfly species. They also did extended studies on various states in the US, studying their history and identifying facts. Did you know that Ohio and Virginia are tied for the top spot in producing the highest number of US Presidents? Finally, students have created marble runs out of cardboard and other recycled materials.

Donations to the PTA
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.
Emerson Eaglet

After five years of producing the Emerson Eaglet, I am stepping down from my volunteer position. Please welcome Kersten Swinyard as the new Emerson Eaglet Editor. Communication and submission for future Emerson Eaglets can be sent to emersoneaglet@gmail.com. Thank you so much for positive feedback on the Eaglet, it's been fun to produce this document and facilitate communication between the school, PTA and families. - Heidi