**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

We are wrapping up the best week of the year...Teacher Appreciation Week! Thank you to the Emerson PTA for the treats in the faculty room and the cool coffee cup. Emerson teachers appreciated it so much. Any positive messages to teachers from parents reinforce the hard work they engage in each day to support our students. Feel free to let them know they are awesome.

The Emerson STEM Fair was a huge success. A big shout out to the PTA and the STEM planning committee who made this event run so smoothly. Thank you to Rico Brand for the tasty burritos and for supporting Emerson. All the demonstrations were engaging and educational and the music outside set the tone and added to the event. Thank you, Ms. Morgan for the fun worm activity in the garden. The Emerson community thoroughly enjoyed this event.

We are finishing up the end-of-level assessments. Preliminary results suggest the students at Emerson have made significant growth in mastering grade level standards. This is another testament to the quality of Emerson teachers and their commitment to supporting students to reach grade level standards and address learning loss due to the pandemic. I am so proud of the work they have done this year.

This is the time that we say farewell to our Emerson graduates. All sixth-grade students will participate in physics day at Lagoon. Mr. Craner’s class continues with their international fundraiser as they work to support refugee children in Ukraine. Ms. Jensen’s students went to the state debate competition. Emerson will host a promotion ceremony and send kids off on their middle school adventure on June 1 from 6:00-7:00. We can’t wait to see what they do next!

Finally, I want to thank our Emerson community for making this schoolyear so successful. Our parent volunteers are back working in our classrooms, serving as chaperones on field trips, and working in the Emerson Garden. The Emerson PTA is providing support to our teachers and kids. It is amazing to see this is action. Community support is what continues to make Emerson so special. Thanks for an amazing year!

Ms. Reynolds

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**CALENDAR**

- **May 24**, 6:00 – 8:00 – PTA Volunteer Appreciation Night
- **May 30** – Memorial Day; No school
- **June 1** – 6th Grade Promotion 6-7 PM
- **June 2** – Field Day
- **June 3** – Last day of school; regular short day schedule (report cards go home with students)
- **July 15** – Registration opens online (be on the lookout for a letter from the district prior to registration)
- **August 10 and 15**: office will be open 7:30 – 3:30 if you need to bring in documents (new students)
- **August 25** – Back to school 5:30 - 7:00
- **August 30** – First Day of School
- **September 7** at 6:30 -- PTA Meeting at Emerson in the library

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A big **THANK YOU!!!** from the teachers/faculty/staff for all the things you sent to help make their time at school more enjoyable. It has made a huge difference to them.

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**Thank you to all PTA volunteers.** If you have volunteered for the PTA we would like to invite you to a final end of year gathering. The PTA survives on volunteers: An hour at the book sale, sold cookies at Art night, helped kids with crafts at Dia de los Muertos. Please join us to socialize and be appreciated. Hamburgers and hotdogs provided, perhaps bring a beverage or a side to share. Private location, alcoholic beverages allowed. **Date: May 24th from 6:00 – 8:00.** View the Evite here [http://evite.me/2G1F1MdKpm](http://evite.me/2G1F1MdKpm) to RSVP and get the address.

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Please send submissions to Susan Rich at [birdbath@gmail.com](mailto:birdbath@gmail.com) or call me at 801-641-8863.
Hello from the Garden! We were busy this last month. KinderGarden learned about bees, butterflies, and flower power! We wrote sketched flower cards for the senior centers as a service project and learned about the power of being kind. Ms. Holden’s class continued our flower theme by planting zinnias, marigolds, and chocolate flowers in our raised beds. Ms. Tanner’s class raised awareness for the crisis in Ukraine by planting Sunflower seeds in our garden. We also had fun learning about decomposers, capillary action, and cycles in nature! We’ve been harvesting our radishes and delicious greens. Looking forward to harvesting more fresh produce and having our end of year salad party.

Our first STEM event in the garden went amazing and thank you to all the families who stopped by the garden to create a colorful worm craft and learn about our Worm World.

The seedling share went amazing also and a special thank you to everyone who picked up one of our 200+ seedlings and gave it a new home. We will definitely have to make this a yearly event. Please send pictures of your plants as they grow!

**Summer volunteers needed:** We need a few more summer volunteers. Spend a week calling this 700 sq ft garden yours! Bring the family, grab some produce, and brighten your day! We are looking for two families per week to come out and look over our lovely garden over summer break. Please sign up using this link. [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0548AAA72CABF49-summer](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0548AAA72CABF49-summer)

Keep updated on all the garden shenanigans at our Instagram [@emersongarden1](https://www.instagram.com/emersongarden1) or send me, Morgan, an email and say hi at [emersongarden@hotmail.com](mailto:emersongarden@hotmail.com)