PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE (from Ms. April Reynolds)

Spring is here! Now is the time when things start picking up as we work through the last two months of school. I can’t believe that this school year is starting to wind down.

Thank you to everyone who helped with Emerson Art Night. Our planning committee did an excellent job of creating a scaled down version of this annual event. It is so fun to see all the amazing pieces of art displayed in our hallways. Thank you to Ms. Jenny for planning creative art projects and providing engaging instruction to students at Emerson. Beautiful!

Emerson fifth grade students have been participating all year long in I Can Do. This is a partnership with Ballet West where an instructor from Ballet West comes to Emerson each Friday to teach our students creative movement and dance. Emerson fifth grade students will be participating in a culminating performance with other elementary schools at West High School Fieldhouse on Wednesday, April 20 from 7:00-8:00 pm. It is so fun to observe all the growth that has taken place over the course of the year. I can’t wait to see our kids perform.

The Emerson Community Garden is starting to buzz! Morgan Macmillan, our garden educator, is working with students and teachers to get our growing season underway. Thanks to the volunteers who have attended our volunteer events. We can’t wait to watch our garden grow.

End-of-year testing is underway. Look for pencils and wrist bands coming home with your students stamped with “Learning is my superpower…I can show what I know!” We are proud of student learning this year and are excited for students to show what they know. Student achievement is a product of collaboration between home and school. Thank you for encouraging your child’s regular attendance and positive attitude during the testing window.

Mark your calendars for the following: Tuesday, April 19 is an asynchronous learning day for students while teachers participate in training; Thursday, April 28 is an early release day; and Friday, April 29 is a non-student day.

Ms. Reynolds

CALENDAR

April 19 – Asynchronous Day
April 21 – Great ShakeOut earthquake drill
April 28 – Short Day Schedule
April 29 – No school; Non-Student Day
May 2 – 6: Teacher Appreciation Week
May 4 – PTA meeting, 6:30 (library)
May 7, 11:00 – 2:00 – STEM Night
May 11 – SCC Meeting, 5:30-7
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


Mark your calendars for STEM night, a night dedicated to SCIENCE!!!

VOLUNTEERS FOR STEM contact Daniel.zigar@gmail.com

Please send submissions to Susan Rich at birdbath@gmail.com or call me at 801-641-8863
NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

4TH Grade: Ms. Tanner’s and Ms. Lambert’s classes went to Wasatch Community Gardens! “We had a wonderful afternoon in the sunshine at Wasatch Community Gardens! Our classes learned about soil and plant management, plant adaptations, underground aquifers, and why there’s underwear buried in the soil! We also tasted a garden-fresh smoothie before taking home seeds that students can plant at home.

I hope that the class was inspired to become involved in gardening or use the community gardens as a resource. If your family has time, check it out next month so you and your child can see the new sprouts! I hope to hear progress reports on at-home growing as well!”

Ms. Holden's 3rd grade has had a busy April already. They visited the garden on Friday the 8th and planted peppers, tomatoes, and watered tulips from Thanksgiving Point. They sketched their tulips before the snow came. They hope to watercolor them in time for art night. They have been learning and identifying the difference between perimeter and area. They have also concluded their informative writing about nature and biomimicry. They are looking forward to solidifying their knowledge about fractions and line plots. Next week they hope to participate in some Earth Day activities. Happy Spring from Room 7!
Hello from the Garden! We have planted 12 of our garden beds out of 22 successfully! We started this month by finishing up some cold hardy crops like carrots and turnips out in the garden. To summarize, the KinderGarden Club has had an awesome time learning about ecosystems and potatoes. Ms Holden’s class started our flower garden and our salsa garden with Zinnias, marigolds, peppers, tomatillos, tomatoes. Ms. O’mara's class started our pizza garden with a few varieties of cherry tomatoes. Ms Kinne and Ms Finerfrock’s students became botanists and learned light adaptations with Microgreens! Looking forward to some consistent sunny days and warm weather.

Special thank you to all the volunteers who showed up and helped by adding soil to our garden beds and cleaning up for spring. The garden is sparkling thanks to you all.

Upcoming Events:

**Strawberry Fundraiser April 14th 5-7 at Art Night** – Thank you for stopping by our table at art night to pick up a Bare Root strawberry. All donations go directly to the garden.

Volunteers Needed!!- We need 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/60B0548AA72CABF49-summer](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0548AA72CABF49-summer)

Finally, the recipe of the Month:

**STRAWBERRY VINAIGRETTE**

1/2 lb strawberries  
2 Tbsp honey  
1/4 tsp salt  
1/4 tsp pepper  
2 Tbsp apple cider vinegar (or balsamic vinegar)  
2 Tbsp olive oil (or canola oil)  
Blend until smooth