

# EMERSON NEWS

AUGUST 2022

## WELCOME, EMERSON FAMILIES!

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! Emerson is a magical place with an amazing community of students, families & staff. We believe in instilling a sense of belonging, pride & growth in every student. **If you are new to Emerson & want a building tour, call the office** for an appointment. Please read on for important information for the start of the school year. I am looking forward to a wonderful school year! If I can help you in any way, my contact information is at the end of the newsletter.



👤 **Mrs. Denise Leddy, Emerson Elementary Principal**

## ✦ UPCOMING EMERSON DATES ✦

- NOW, Registration for new students is open on the district website
- Mon., Aug. 15: Emerson's Backyard Bash 4:30-6:30PM Our outside event for students & all family members. Come see your Gr 1-5 teacher assignments, meet families, play lawn games & and visit the ice cream truck for a small cost (flyer below)
- Tues., Aug. 16: First Day of School for Grades 1-5. (We all gather on the playground!)
- Aug. 16, 17, 18: Kindergarten Screening (letter with appointment time mailed on Mon. 8/1)
- Fri., Aug. 19: First Day of School for Kindergarten Students
  - Kindergarten families are invited to meet in the gym at 8:55AM
  - Immediately following, Kindergarten families join us for PTO First Day of KDG Cafe
- Thurs., Aug. 25: K-5 Curriculum Night
  - 6:00-6:45PM Last Names A-K, 6:45-7:30PM Last Names L-Z
  - Families with more than one child, please attend an A-K -AND- an L-Z session
- Wed., Aug. 31: First PTO Meeting 6:00 PM. Join us!
- Mon., Sept. 5: No School for Labor Day holiday
- Thurs., Sept. 22: Father's Walk

## EMERSON PTO

Our Emerson PTO & Principal have been busy planning fun events! Join us for our Emerson Backyard Bash! All family members are welcome! Emerson Elementary PTO strives to enrich the experience of students, staff & families. This group plans several no or low cost family events throughout the school



Swim Night. Emerson PTO hosts a Book Fair, Staff Appreciation Week & Conference Night Dinners for our staff. They are dedicated to helping our staff with classroom & field trip requests that provide more opportunities for our students. It is a 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.

#### 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>



## YEARLY UPDATE IN REGISTRATION GATEWAY NEEDED NOW FOR ALL RETURNING FAMILIES

**IMPORTANT:** Please update your contact information & set permissions through the Registration Gateway. School & district updates are sent regularly via email. Pay particular attention to the **ALERT NOW** section so you can receive text, email & call information from Emerson & the District. A letter with directions, your login & password is being mailed with this newsletter today, on Thursday, August 4th. **TIP:** If you have a returning student, go to [www.lakewoodcityschools.org](http://www.lakewoodcityschools.org), click parents & select back to school updates.





# SCHOOL SUPPLIES & WHAT TO BRING

Our [Emerson School Supply list](#) is posted on our Emerson website and at local stores like Target & Marcs. Students are welcome to bring a water bottle each day but for water only. We have refill stations! Please label ALL of your child's belongings. Feel free to stagger the supplies that you send in, over the first few days of school, to make it easier on your child.

## NOTE! BREAKFAST & LUNCH CHANGES

Breakfast and lunch are offered at a small cost for all enrolled students during the 2022-2023 school year. **You can set up your account today on PaySchools Central or add money to your existing account to be ready for the school year.** Menus can be found on the Lakewood City Schools website. Click on "Departments" and select "Nutrition Services". Breakfast \$1.75, Lunch \$2.50, Milk \$0.50.



### From Nutrition Services

- Federal pandemic relief allowing universally free school meals will unfortunately be stopping this school year. Breakfast & lunch will be available to all students; however, they will not be free to all students anymore.
- Families must complete a free and reduced-price family application in order to qualify for free & reduced-price meals. As of July 1st, parents/guardians can submit their free & reduced-price meals family application. To do so, go to <https://www.payschoolscentral.com/>
- To check your students account balance or to add money to your students account you will also go to <https://www.payschoolscentral.com/>
- Questions? please contact [jacob.green@lakewoodcityschools.org](mailto:jacob.green@lakewoodcityschools.org) or (216) 529-4156

## REGISTER KINDERGARTNERS & NEW STUDENTS

Know of school age kids in the neighborhood?

- Students must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 30th for KDG.
- Kindergarten info can be found at [www.lakewoodcityschools.org](http://www.lakewoodcityschools.org) [Student Registration LINK](#)
- For Lakewood PK programs, visit the district's [Early Childhood Education Dept LINK](#).
- New families: go to [www.lakewoodcityschools.org](http://www.lakewoodcityschools.org) [Student Registration LINK](#)



## ARRIVAL

- 8:45-8:55 AM is student arrival to school for walkers & car riders. Not earlier please as there is no supervision available prior. The exception is students who choose to come for our school breakfast. Of course, students can arrive earlier if they remain in their cars with families until 8:45. Please work with your walkers to plan their arrival time within the proper window.
- Students eating breakfast can arrive as early at 8:30 AM & go directly to the cafeteria for a school breakfast. Non-breakfast car riders exit family cars at 8:45 bell & enter at the main, glass door entrance, near the parking lot.



- Students who are **tardy (after 9:00 AM)** must report to the office for a late pass to class. Students who choose to eat breakfast at school should try to arrive at 8:30-8:35 to allow time to eat & get to class on time.

## DISMISSAL

- 3:00 Kindergartners dismissed to parents, by classroom teachers, at Jackson glass doors
  - Older siblings should meet up at the door of younger siblings
- 3:05 Walkers dismissed (Parents can meet your teachers at these doors & avoid the car line)
  - 1st-2nd grade at Clifton doors
  - 3rd-4th-5th grade at second set of Jackson doors
- 3:05 Car Rider line begins
  - Display the car line sign in your car window **every day**. Please continue all year, to keep line moving, as dismissal staff changes (Signs passed out on day 1 & at Backyard Bash).
  - When there is room to pull forward, always pull up all the way to the stop sign.
  - Remain in the car & have students enter on your car passenger side.
  - Please be patient. Our goal is to exit students as safely & efficiently as possible.
  - Right turn only when entering our parking lot. Avoid blocking neighbor driveways.
  - Clifton playground circle is for contracted vans & special needs only. Permit required.

*NOTE: Please notify your child's teacher of any **dismissal changes**. If you have a change in dismissal routine after the school day has begun, please call the office by 2:00 PM to help us plan for a safe and efficient dismissal.*

## MEDICATIONS

If your child needs medication administered during the school day (including EpiPens or inhalers) a parent should bring in the medication, with the prescription container & completed authorization form on the first day of school. To find the form, visit the district website, click on "Departments", select "Health Services" and select the appropriate form.

## BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE


There are various providers of before and after school care programs. The provider that is renting space at Emerson is Horizon Lakewood. Their hours of operation are 6:30AM -9:00/3:05-6:00PM, Monday through Friday. Contact Michelle at Horizon for more information, (440) 616-6300. Contact our Emerson office if you would like a list of other local providers.



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