

EMERSON NEWS

AUGUST 2023

WELCOME, EMERSON FAMILIES!

Welcome to the 2023-2024 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. Denice Leddy, Emerson Elementary Principal**

✦ UPCOMING EMERSON DATES ✦

- NOW, Registration for new students is open on the district website.
- Thurs., Aug. 24: Emerson's Backyard Bash 4:30-6:30PM Come meet your Gr 1-5 teacher, drop off your labeled school supplies, meet families, play lawn games & have hotdogs & snow cones for a small cost (flyer below) Physical class lists posted at the main entrance by the parking lot. This replaces Curriculum Night. All family members are welcome!
- Fri., Aug. 25: First Day of School for Grades 1-5. (We all gather on the playground at 8:45 AM)
- Aug. 25 & 28: Kindergarten Screening (letter with appointment time was mailed last week)
- Tues., Aug. 29: Emerson's Mini Kindergarten Bash 4:30-6:00PM Come meet your Kindergarten teacher, drop off your labeled school supplies, meet families, chalk on the sidewalk & enjoy a snow cone. Physical class lists posted at the main entrance by the parking lot.
- Tues., Aug. 29: First Emerson PTO Meeting 6:15 - 7:15PM. K-5 parents, Join us!
- Wed., Aug. 30: 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
- Mon., Sept. 4: No School for Labor Day holiday
- Thurs., Sept. 21: Father's Walk!
- Wed., Sept 27: Emerson PTO Meeting, 6PM All parents welcomed.
- Thurs., Sept 28: Emerson Heritage Night. Mark your calendar for this dining celebration! 6:30-8PM
- Th., Oct 12: School Picture Day!
- Fri., Oct. 13: No School for NEOEA Day
- Fri., Oct 20: Emerson Fall Festival 5:30-7PM Save the date!

- Oct. 25, 26 & 27: October Parent-Teacher Conferences (No School for students 10/26-10/27 due to conferences)

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 year including a Backyard Bash, Heritage Night, Fall Festival, Staff Zoom Story Times, Game Night & 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
- VISIT OUR MEMBERSHIP TABLE AT THE BACKYARD BASH to Join to support the activities above

EMERSON CLASS LISTS

Emerson Class Lists (Grades 1-5) have been completed and entered into the student information system. When class lists sync up to Clever, students may be able to view their teacher on their device. The class lists will be formally posted for viewing at the Back to School Bash; so, come connect with families and new class mates. Kindergarten class lists will be posted just prior to the Mini Bash.

**EMERSON
BACK TO SCHOOL BASH**

**AUGUST 24, 2023
THURSDAY
4:30 - 6:30PM**

- ★ This replaces Curriculum Night.
- ★ Gr. 1-5 Class Lists Posted on Glass Doors!
- ★ Have fun playing lawn games & play on the playground.
- ★ Bring your labeled supplies, visit your new classroom & meet your teacher.
- ★ Kids engage & parents connect for a great school year.
- ★ Brief teacher talks to prepare kids & families for success.
- ★ Reasonably priced hotdogs & snow cones for purchase.
- ★ Sign-up for October Parent-Teacher Conference in classrooms.
- ★ Join PTO to make 23-24 events INCREDIBLE.
- ★ All family members welcome!

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 were mailed to you. **TIP:** If you have a returning student, go to 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. Please label ALL of your child's belongings. Students can bring their labeled supplies to our Back to School Bash to make it easier on your child. Visit our Emerson Website or access the link above.



NOTE! BREAKFAST & LUNCH CHANGES

Breakfast and lunch are offered at a small cost for all enrolled students during the 23-24 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.

FREE & REDUCED PRICED MEAL OPPORTUNITIES



- The state of Ohio has recently announced that it will be covering the cost of reduced-price meals for the 23/24 school year. This means any student who qualifies for reduced price meals will be given their meals at no cost!
- Ohio is also piloting a program this school year which allows families who receive Medicaid benefits to be directly certified, which automatically qualifies them for free meals.
- In order to qualify for free and reduced-price meals, families must apply every year by filling out the free and reduced-price meal application for the current school year. Families can apply by going to <https://www.payschoolscentral.com/>. Please visit the Nutrition Services
- Last year's meal status will carry over for the first 30 operating days, after the 30th operating day, a student's meal status will revert to denied status unless a new free and reduced-price meal application was submitted and approved.
- If you have any questions or need any assistance when completing a free and reduced-price meal application, please contact Julie Bartell in the Nutrition Services Department 216-529-4480

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	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Summer Break!	2 Summer Break!	3 Summer Break!	4 Summer Break!
MONDAY	7 Summer Break!	8 Summer Break!	9 Summer Break!	10 Summer Break!
	14 Summer Break!	15 Summer Break!	16 Summer Break!	17 Summer Break!
	21 Summer Break!	22 Summer Break!	23 Summer Break!	24 Summer Break!
	28 Mini Corn Dogs, Green Beans, Peach Slices, Milk	29 Loaded Sweet Potato Fries, Black Bean Corn Salsa, Fruit Cocktail, Graham Cracker, Milk	30 Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Carrots, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk	31 Rotini Noodles w Meatballs & Red Sauce, Broccoli, Mandarin Oranges, Milk
25 Breakfast for Lunch (Turkey Sausage Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich), Potato Triangle, Beans, Orange Juice, Milk				

K-5 Lunch Menu
Cost \$2.50

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Daily Alternative Entree Options

- Uncrustable Pb&J (Select Schools)
- Fresh Salad
- Yogurt, Chips, & Cheese Lunch

*All options may not be available daily, selection will vary

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	28 Crunchmania, Peach Slices, Milk	29 Fruit & Yogurt Parfait w Granola, Apple Juice, Milk	30 Eggo Cinnamon Waffles, Zee Zee's Apple Sauce, Milk	31 Sunshine Smoothie, Scooby Doo Graham Crackers, Diced Pears, Milk
25 Uncrustable Breakfast Sandwich, Orange Juice, Graham Cracker, Milk				

K-5 Breakfast Menu
Cost \$1.75

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Daily Alternative Entree Options

- Assorted Breakfast Cereals
- Assorted Breakfast Cereal Bars

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Menu is subject to change. A variety of milk is offered each day.

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 or Lakewood PK registration [Student Registration LINK](#)



ARRIVAL

- ARRIVAL TIME: 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. Non-breakfast car riders exit family cars at 8:45 bell & enter at the main, glass door entrance, near the parking lot.
- BREAKFAST: Students eating breakfast can arrive as early at 8:30 AM & go directly to the cafeteria for a school breakfast. BREAKFAST WILL CLOSE AT 8:50 so please arrive at 8:30AM
- RIGHT TURN ONLY when entering the parking lot. Avoid blocking neighbor driveways.
- CLIFTON PLAYGROUND CIRCLE PERMIT REQUIRED for contracted vans & special needs.
- TARDY BELL: Students who are **tardy (after 9:00 AM)** must report to the office for a late pass to class.

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 grade at Jackson doors
 - 2nd-3rd grade at Clifton doors
 - 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 PERMIT ONLY for vans & special needs only.
 - WALKERS MAY NOT BE PICKED UP BY ADULTS AT THE CAR RIDER DOORS

*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. For more information call (440) 616-6300. Contact our Emerson office if you would like a list of other local providers.




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