

# EMERSON NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2023



## THANK YOU, EMERSON FAMILIES!

Thank you, for all that you each have done to get our school year off to an amazing start because it has truly been amazing! We value the connections made with our students, their families and staff.

I am putting out a plug to join our PTO. Emerson PTO is hands down the most 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.

One additional plug is for parent-teacher conferences. We want to partner with you and connecting with 100% of you is our goal. We look forward to seeing all of you in October!

😊 Mrs. Denice Leddy, Emerson Elementary Principal



CONNECTIONS



MATTER



AT EMERSON!



## ✦ UPCOMING EMERSON DATES ✦

- Thurs., Sept. 21: Father's Walk (See Flyer below)
- Wed., Sept. 27: PTO Meeting, 6PM
- Thurs., Sept. 28: Heritage Night, 6:30-8PM in the gym (See flyers below)
- Thurs., Oct. 12: Picture Day! (Flyers will be sent home when received)
- Fri., Oct. 13: No School for Students due to NEOEA Day
- Tues. Oct. 17 - Wed. Oct. 18: Grade 3 Reading State Testing
- Fri., Oct. 20: Character Costume Day with Parade (See below & more info to come)
- Fri., Oct. 20: PTO Fall Festival with Trunk or Treat 5:30-7PM (More info to come)
- Tues., Oct. 24-Wed. Oct. 25 Scholastic Book Fair (More info to come)
- Wed., Oct. 25: Kids at school all day & then evening Conferences 4-8PM
- Th., Oct. 26: No School for Students: 12:30-8PM Conferences
- Fri., Oct. 27: No School for Students: AM Conferences & PM Staff Professional Learning





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## Fathers & Father Figures Walk

Thursday, September 21, 2023

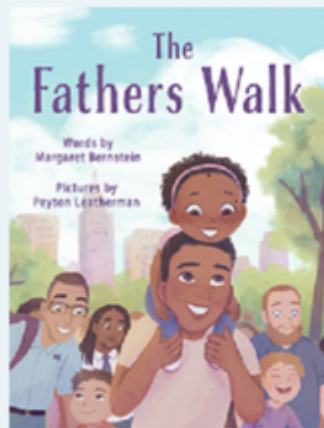
**Who:** Fathers & Father figures like Grandfathers, Foster Fathers, Step-Fathers, Uncles, Cousins, Big Brothers, significant male caregivers or family friends.

**What:** Walk your student to school & enjoy the conversation along the way.  
Once you arrive, don't miss the photo opp at a photo site to remember the morning!

**When:** Arrive to school 8:30-8:55AM  
Be sure to arrive at 8:30 if your child plans to eat breakfast at school.

**Where:** Emerson Elementary

**Why:** Be a part of this event, across Ohio. This is a great opportunity to connect with kids and father figures. Don't miss it. Time goes by so fast.



The 18th Annual Fathers Walk will be Thursday September 21, 2023 for schools and early childhood programs throughout Cuyahoga County and across the State of Ohio.

Fathers and other male mentors are encouraged to be involved in their child(ren)s education on this date and throughout the school year! Please support the thousands of fathers, uncles, grandfathers, stepfathers, foster fathers, brothers and mentors that step up to support the education of children in their lives.

Search [#NEOFathersWalk](#) or [#FathersWalk](#) on twitter for inspirational videos and photos.

Want to learn more about how this movement grew?  
[https://www.neofathering.net/fathers\\_walk.asp](https://www.neofathering.net/fathers_walk.asp)



## SPIRIT DAYS

- Students and staff, please join us in wearing Cleveland Browns gear or the colors orange and brown on Monday, September 18th, to get excited for the Browns Monday Night Football game!
- Every Wednesday is Wellness Wednesday; so, wear comfortable clothing for extra movement.
- Every Friday is a Lakewood Spirit Day; so, wear your purple & gold with pride. Go Rangers!

## EMERSON PTO

It was wonderful to see all of you at our Back To School Bashes for Grades 1-5 & Kindergarten! **Mark your calendars for September 27th at 6pm to join us for our first, official PTO meeting.**

We are excited to bring back **Heritage Night** as our September Family Night event! **Thursday, September 28th**, the Emerson gym is transformed into a showcase of our cultures! This event is a favorite.





and we are so excited to host it in person again. The flyer & RSVP form will be sent home this week and a digital copy is included in this newsletter. This is a great way to jump in with PTO! Email PTO at the email below or make a note on your RSVP if you can help with set up or wrap up of the event.

**Join the Emerson PTO!** It's a great way to make new friends, stay up to date with what is going on at school, and support our staff and the Emerson Community.

[MINUTES from our last meeting](#)

We are preparing for Heritage Nights and our Fall Festival. If you'd like to learn more or be a part of any of those events, please email us at the address below. Hope to see you soon!

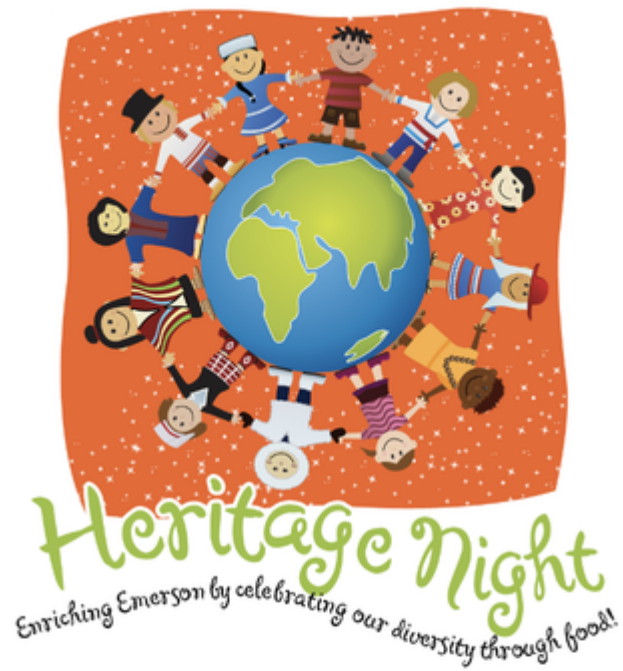
**- Karyn and Jennifer, Emerson PTO Co-presidents**

Ways to Connect with Emerson PTO

- Follow Emerson PTO on Facebook: @EmersonElementary PTO
- Email with questions to: [emersonelementary.pto44107@gmail.com](mailto:emersonelementary.pto44107@gmail.com)
- Join to support & learn more: <https://2023-2024-pto-membership-71800.cheddarup.com>

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**Thursday, September 28th • 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Emerson School Gymnasium**

Heritage Night is our annual all school potluck dinner.  
Bring the family & a dish to share that highlights your family's heritage.

We also provide families with the space to demonstrate heritage specific dances, flag explanations, cooking demonstrations &/or traditional dress descriptions. If anyone in your family would like to enlighten the Emerson community, complete the attached form to sign up.

**RSVP:** Return the next page in your child/ren's Daily Folder  
**by Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**



## Emerson PTO Heritage Night RSVP

Child(ren) name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Grades & Teacher(s) name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

What dish will you bring to share? \_\_\_\_\_

(Label your items, including your serving utensils)

Do you have a heritage specific tradition, dance, song, flag explanation, cooking demonstration, etc. you would like to share at Heritage Night?

\_\_\_\_ No, not this time.

\_\_\_\_ Yes!, please describe & include your contact information:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**EVENT |**  
**Thurs., Sept. 28, 2023 6:30-8PM**

**RSVP BY: Mon., Sept 25**



## LIBRARY RESOURCES

DON'T MISS THE MONTHLY CONTENT

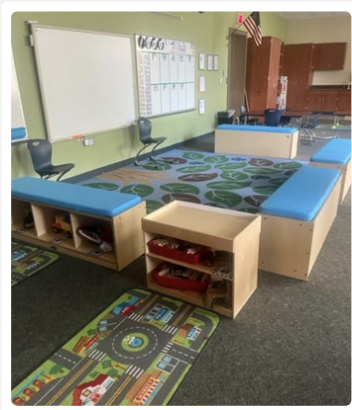
<https://sites.google.com/lakewoodcityschools.org/lakewoodelementarylibraries/library-information/newsletters>

## HORIZON LAKEWOOD - EMERSON GRANT

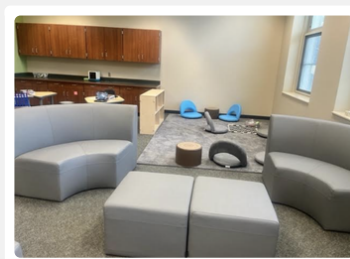
Emerson was blessed to have received grant funds due to the support of Lakewood Horizon, our provider of the onsite before and after school care. What did we do with these funds?

- New classroom carpets when gathering for instruction
- New hallway runner carpets in colorful purple and with the Lakewood "L"
- Updated landscaping on Emerson school grounds
- A courtyard landscaping make-over for kids to enjoy
- Inside furniture to organize inside recess areas for K-2 & 3-5

- A couple new playground equipment items to come



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HORIZON  
LAKEWOOD



GRANT!



## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

SELECT THE LINK TO SEE THE MESSAGE FROM OUR  
SUPERINTENDENT

<https://www.lakewoodcityschools.org/district-quick-links/superintendents-message>





# PBIS = POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS & SUPPORTS

If you walk through the halls of Emerson you are sure to hear, "Be Responsible, Be Respectful, and Be Safe." These are our 3 B's, our 3 big expectations! We have worked hard to create an environment that teaches students these expectations in a positive manner.

Read on to understand the PBIS system we have in place.

During the 22-23 school year, we created an [EMERSON PBIS MATRIX](#) that outlines common expectations for all Emerson students. Each Emerson staff member diligently used this to teach common expectations to our students. We even made videos with staff members teaching our students. Anyone who walks through our hallways will spot these expectations posted for all to see!

To positively reinforce students who demonstrated these expected behaviors we opened the Ranger Store! Students were given Ranger Bucks from any staff member who recognized them being responsible, respectful, or safe. Students got to spend their bucks 1-2 times each month. Our Ranger Store doesn't just "sell" items for kids to take home, but we encourage students to buy "experiences." Experiences help students and staff continue to build positive relationships all while allowing students to feel empowered to take on leadership roles within our building. Some experiences include, reading in another classroom, sitting in the teacher chair for a day, picking gym or music games/activities, and being the librarian for a class. Our Ranger Bucks economy has grown!

Another positive way we recognize our students is through Golden Tickets. These tickets are passed out for students who are recognized for doing something above and beyond the expectations. Students who receive a Golden Ticket are given two ranger bucks in return and are entered into a drawing to have breakfast with Mrs. Leddy at the end of the month!

Lastly, we implemented the Golden Spatula where we encouraged positive cafeteria behaviors. Students received positive recognition for following cafeteria expectations. At the end of the month, the classes are rewarded with a frozen treat for positive choices.

Our PBIS goal is to positively support our students and to continue to grow a caring culture that is built on strong relationships here at Emerson. We want to teach our students the skills they need to be positive influences in their families and communities. We are so thankful for the support of our administration, staff, parents, and PTO!

Emerson PBIS is off to a great start.

## Emerson Elementary School

"The only way to have a friend is to be one." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

The 3 Be's	Cafeteria	Hallway	Car Rider Dismissal	Restrooms	Playground	Classroom
<b>Be Responsible</b>  <i>Learn, lead &amp; make a difference</i>	Voice Level 2 Eat your own lunch Clean up your area	Voice Level 1 or 0 Walk in a straight line Get to where you need to be	Voice Level 1 or 0 Stay in your area Keep your coat on Belongings stay in backpack	Voice Level 1 or 0 Flush Wash hands with soap Return to class	Voice Level 5 Play nicely Take turns Line up quickly & quietly Follow recess rules	Voice Levels 3,2,1,0 Bring your supplies Do your work
<b>Be Respectful</b>	Use manners Use kind words Listen to adults	Listen to adults Be considerate of learning Leave student work alone	Listen to adults Listen for your name	Give others privacy Take care of school property Leave it clean Be prompt	Listen to adults Use kind words with peers & adults Use Buddy Bench Include others Stop means stop No means no	Listen to your teacher Allow others to learn
<b>Be Safe</b>  <i>See something say something</i>	Keep hands, feet & objects to yourself Stay in seat Walking feet Calm body	Keep hands, feet & objects to yourself Walking feet Calm body	Keep hands, feet & objects to yourself Walking feet on the yellow line	Keep hands, feet & objects to yourself Only 4 students Calm body Floors stay dry	Keep hands, feet & objects to yourself Stay in your area Keep body under control Use equipment the right way	Keep hands, feet & objects to yourself Stay in your area Calm body

## SIGN-UP FOR OUR CONFERENCE TIME TOGETHER

It is our goal to connect with 100% of our families at parent-teacher conferences. If you are not yet signed up, please reach out to your child's homeroom teacher. If you need a reminder of your sign up time or need a Zoom option, please reach out to them as well. Report cards will be passed out at your conference. We look forward to meeting with you at October conferences.



## SAFETY DRILL SUCCESS

Emerson has conducted our first set of state mandated safety drills this year. There will be six fire drills, four lockdown drills, and three tornado drills during the school year. The purpose of doing safety drills is to practice procedures and educate students on what to do in the event of a real emergency. Classroom teachers take time to discuss procedures in a child-friendly manner prior to the actual drills. Members of the Lakewood police and fire departments may be on hand to provide additional assistance and feedback. Kindergarten students were able to meet Officer Jameson after one of our drills! Students have done a commendable job with our drills at Emerson. We are proud at how well they listened to the teachers. Thank you for your support in our efforts to ensure school safety.

## WELLNESS MATTERS IN LAKEWOOD!

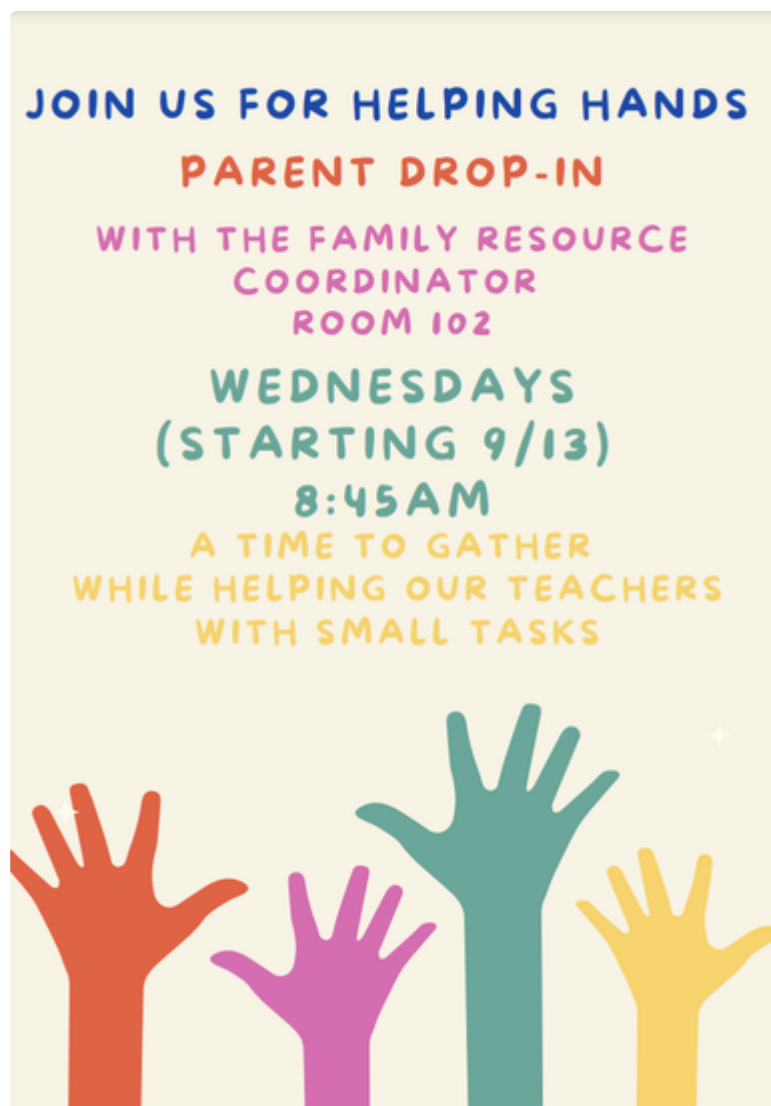


**Social Emotional Learning (SEL)** is an important part of our elementary daily instruction in Lakewood and at Emerson. We are blessed to have the role of a **Student Wellness Specialist** to support our students with whole class lessons. Soon Morning Mindfulness will restart in which students can visit for 10 minutes of mindful start from 8:45-8:55.

**Kait Turner & Amy Underwood**, share the role of Student Wellness Specialist.

Our **Family Resource Coordinator** is **Megan Schaefer**. Megan has a professional background in community mental health, family wraparound services and student support services. Her role is to support students and their families. She is here to connect families to resources, reduce barriers that impact attendance and learning and navigate systems within the school and community. She welcomes parents at Drop-In on Wednesday mornings (see flyer)

**Every Wednesday is Wellness Wednesday at Emerson.** Students and staff dress in wellness attire and engage in extra movement experiences.



## 23-24 STUDENT HANDBOOK

[2023-2024 Family Handbook](#)

Please review the school guidance in this handbook. It is filled with needed information about arrival, dismissal, dress code, birthday treats, student phones and more!



**Emerson  
Elementary School**

Family Handbook 2023-2024



## YOUR REGISTRATION GATEWAY UPDATE IS REQUIRED AT THE START OF EACH YEAR

**IMPORTANT:** If you haven't done so already, your updated contact information is needed through the Registration Gateway. School & district information will get missed without your updates. Pay particular attention to the **ALERT NOW** section so you can receive text, email & call information from Emerson & the District. Questions? Don't wait. Call our secretary, Jenean Carlson at the main office.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- BREAKFAST is available at 8:30AM at the main entrance & ends at 8:50 so that students can arrive on time.
- ARRIVAL is at 8:45AM and those not coming for breakfast should not arrive earlier, as there is no adult supervision. Playing on the playground is prohibited at this time.
- LABELING water bottles & lunch boxes is helpful
- CHROMEBOOKS should be charged & wiped down at home. We do not have enough outlets for the class. Labeling student power cords is recommended.
- AT DISMISSAL, students are to go directly home. Playing on the playground is prohibited at this time.
- OUR EMERSON PLAYGROUND is not open to students after school unless they are accompanied by a parent/guardian. Dogs are not allowed as posted by signs.
- ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL CAR LINE: Please pull all the way up to the stop sign. Adults must stay in the vehicle, to keep everyone safe. We will load students on the right side, the curb side. If you need to get out of the car, a parking spot is to be used. Please display the car line pick up signs. The bolder the print, the better. Thank you for following our process.
- DOUBLE PARKING is never allowed as it blocks neighbors & creates a safety hazard.
- THANK YOU for following our guidance and keeping Emerson safe.









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