

# EMERSON NEWS

NOVEMBER 2023

## ✦ UPCOMING EMERSON DATES ✦

- Sat., Nov. 11: Veteran's Day! (See slideshow below)
- Nov. 22-23-24: No School for Students due to Thanksgiving Break
- Tues., Nov. 28: Listen & Learn with the Superintendent, 9:15 am, Cove Community Center
- Wed., Nov. 29: Student Shopping at Ranger Store (See below to volunteer)
- Wed., Nov. 29: PTO Meeting 6-7PM
- Thurs., Nov. 30: Dine to Donate with Marco's Pizza
- Thurs., Dec. 7: Emerson Picture Retake Day (See Below)
- Thurs., Dec 21: End of Quarter 2
- Fri., Dec. 22: No School for Students: Professional Learning for Staff
- Fri., Dec. 22: Winter Break Begins for Students
- Mon. Jan. 8: School Resumes for Students

Every **Wednesday** is **Wellness Wednesday at Emerson**. Students & staff dress in clothing for extra healthy movement.

Every **Friday** is **Lakewood Spirit Day at Emerson**. Students & staff dress in purple & gold to show Lakewood & Emerson Pride!



## CELEBRATING ALL VETERANS!

Our deepest gratitude to those who have served our country.  
Enjoy our Emerson Veteran's Day Slideshow!

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vReo-tP8zBmPmVCmM\\_3UAq5z5E2EhwsFf62lBfwjicTCxLAGH0jAAGJ0fVETPb9Vs9b5tnb\\_JyzJQmS/pub?start=true&loop=true&delayms=3000](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vReo-tP8zBmPmVCmM_3UAq5z5E2EhwsFf62lBfwjicTCxLAGH0jAAGJ0fVETPb9Vs9b5tnb_JyzJQmS/pub?start=true&loop=true&delayms=3000)

## GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS FOR OCTOBER!



### PICTURE RETAKE DAY IS COMING!

- Ripcho is coming for a retake day on Thurs., December 7th
- If you are not satisfied with your portraits, the entire packet needs to be returned on this date.
- If you are are purchasing for the first time, contact the office for an order form or an online link

### EMERSON PTO

Hello, Families!

Emerson's Fall Festival with Trunk-or-Treat was incredible! Thank you to all of those that volunteered their time and for those that went the extra mile to decorate their trunks and donated candy to celebrate this night. Some photos are included in the newsletter. Thank you for coming together we make our event amazing! Congratulations to the winners of the evening:

#### Trunk or Treat – Tie for First Place

- Buddy the Elf - Hideg Family! .
- Mario Kart - Erceg Family!

#### Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin

- The Kimes Family!



At our last meeting, we prepared for Heritage Night, Fall Festival, Book Fair & more. If you'd like to learn be a part of events, please come to a PTO meeting &/or email us at the address below.

[MINUTES FROM LAST EMERSON PTO MEETING](#) Note: we did not meet in November due to conferences.

Don't miss **November 29th at 6pm**, our next PTO meeting, in the Emerson Library.

**It's time to 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. Join with the links below to set us up for a GREAT school year! It's the best deal out there.

We hope to see you soon!

- Karyn and Jennifer, Emerson Co-presidents

#### 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>

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**PLEASE**

**SUPPORT PTO**

**FOR OUR STUDENTS**



**EMERSON'S**



**FALL FESTIVAL**



**FUN**



**TRUNK**



**OR TREAT!**



**FUNNY MR. SHIELDS**



ENJOYING

OUR

PARADE



STAFF CREATIVITY

WITH PUMPKIN

DECORATING



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

1. **WANT TO HELP KIDS SHOP WITH THEIR RANGER BUCKS REWARDS?** OUR PBIS RANGER STORE HAS BEEN SO POPULAR, THAT WE NEED HELP OPERATING THE STORE EACH MONTH! WE ARE ASKING FOR HELP THE LAST WEDNESDAYS OF THE MONTH FROM 9AM-12:30PM (ANY TIME YOU CAN OFFER DURING THAT BLOCK IS APPRECIATED!). SHOPPING DATES ARE 10/25, 11/29, 12/20, 1/31, 2/28, 3/27, 4/24 & 5/29. IF INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT SEND AN EMAIL TO [MEGAN.SCHAEFER@LAKEWOODCITYSCHOOLS.ORG](mailto:MEGAN.SCHAEFER@LAKEWOODCITYSCHOOLS.ORG) OR CALL THE MAIN OFFICE 216-529-4254.

2. **PARENT DROP-IN OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING WITH MRS. SCHAEFER**, OUR FAMILY RESOURCE COORDINATOR, EXTRAORDINAIRE. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ON A WEDNESDAY AT 8:45 ARRIVAL.



**FIRE**



**SAFETY**



**FIRE ESSAYS READ!**

## **I-READY MINUTES MATTER IN GRADES 2-5**

Each week your child should be completing a total of 45 minutes of Math and 45 minutes of Reading on their personalized instructional pathway in i-Ready. The school assessments cater the lessons to address the student strengths and needs across each subject for your child! Your child's 2nd-5th grade teacher can provide more details.



## **MS. SIMONITIS' SPOTLIGHT ON EMERSON ARTISTS**



## **New Lunch Menus with mobile app!**

Download My School Menus Mobile App in the iTunes Store or the Google Play store. The Nutrition Services Department is excited to offer My School Menus Mobile App as a valuable nutrition resource. You can access the web version by visiting the district website at <https://myschoolmenus.com/organizations/1543> Please let us know if you need any additional information on how to use this information to support your students' specific nutrition needs.

Download: IOS: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/my-school-menus/id965396894>

Google Play: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.hmpnew.myschoolmenus>



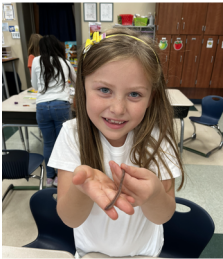
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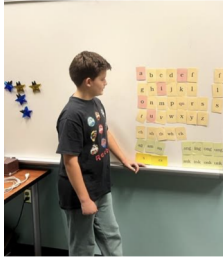
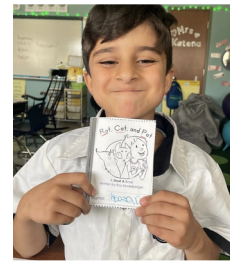


AT LEARNING



IN THE CLASSROOMS





## LIBRARY RESOURCES

DON'T MISS THE MONTHLY CONTENT

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



## COMMUNITY

## HELPERS VISIT

## EMERSON KINDERGARTEN

## Lakewood Recreation Center

✧ Attention Parents! ✧

Looking for exciting opportunities to engage your children and help them explore their interests? Check out the link below with clubs being offered through the Lakewood Recreation Center.

[https://lakewoodrecreation.activityreg.com/selectactivity\\_t2.wcs?leaguesid=7641](https://lakewoodrecreation.activityreg.com/selectactivity_t2.wcs?leaguesid=7641)





**GRADE 2**



**FIELD TRIP TO**



**HOLDEN ARBORETUM**



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## GRADE 4-5 CHOIR

### SIGN UP

Does your child love to sing? Our Emerson choir for 4th and 5th grade students will begin after the Winter break on Wednesday, January 10th. All choir rehearsals will be held in the Music room at 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday mornings. Any student in grades 4 or 5 may sign up. Information letters with permission slips will be distributed to 4th and 5th grade students during the month of December.

CHOIR to sing at LHS in February

Mark your family calendars early: All of our Lakewood City Schools Elementary choirs will be performing at the annual "LAKEWOOD SINGS!" concert on Thursday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Matt Fitz, Emerson Elementary School Music

[matthew.fitz@lakewoodcityschools.org](mailto:matthew.fitz@lakewoodcityschools.org)

## ATTENDANCE IS KEY FOR SUCCESS

Ohio schools must report student absences as part of House Bill 410. **Schools are required to develop Absence Intervention Plans** for students who exceed absence limits outlined in the law. Families will receive auto generated letters as notifications from the district indicating the **number of hours** your child has missed in accordance with these laws. Absences exceeding 38 hours in a month, or 65 hours in a year will require medical documentation in order to be considered excused. Should you have an ongoing medical concern, please contact our office.



By law, **Excessive Absence** is defined as:

- absent 38 or more hours in a month with or without an excuse or
- absent 65 more hours in a year with or without an excuse

By law, **Habitual Truancy** is defined as:

- absent 30 or more consecutive hours without a legitimate excuse,

- absent 42 or more hours in one month without a legitimate excuse, or
- absent 72 or more hours in one year without a legitimate excuse.

\*Hours also include total number of **minutes tardy to school and early dismissal**.

**Every day & every hour at matters. Good attendance & engagement sets students up for success!**

## NOVEMBER SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING: SELF-MANAGEMENT

**SELF-MANAGEMENT:** is to manage one's emotions, thoughts & behaviors effectively in different situations & to achieve goals. This includes to delay gratification, manage stress, feel motivation & accomplish personal/collective goals, such as:

- Managing one's emotions
- Identifying & using stress-management strategies
- Exhibiting self-discipline & self-motivation
- Setting personal & collective goals
- Using planning & organizational skills
- Showing the courage to take initiative
- Demonstrating personal & collective agency



**Managing Emotions is choosing socially, healthy ways to express & handle strong emotions.**

*Big Ideas*

- Recognize what I am feeling and what happened right before I had the feeling
- Remind myself that it's okay to feel what I'm feeling but it's not okay to hurt others
- Take time to calm down
  - Take deep breaths
  - Count to 10
  - Choose another calm-down strategy
- Use my words to say how I feel and what I wish would happen
- Ask for help if I cannot solve the problem myself

**Goal-Setting** is selecting/articulating something you wish to achieve.

*Big Ideas*

- What do I want to achieve? Write down my goal.
- Make sure it is specific as possible and I know when I want to achieve it
- What steps will I need to take to achieve that goal? Write the steps down under the goal.

## LCS FAMILY HUB RESOURCES

The LCS Family Hub has a wealth of information at your fingertips to support you! You will find resources related to SEL (mentioned above), academics, technology, diversity, mental health & more!

**Family Hub**

[LINK to LCS FAMILY HUB](#)

## BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PLAYGROUND & CONDUCT

As outlined in the school handbook, we do not provide supervision of students prior to 8:45am and after 3:05 pm. Please remind your child that he/she is expected to go directly home after school. Students are not permitted on the playground before or after school from 3:05-4:00pm without adult supervision. The playground is closed when it is being used by after care from 4:00-6:00pm. Children having difficulty with appropriate behavior before or after school may result in school discipline.



## CELL PHONE & PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Student personal cell phones/electronic devices shall be turned off and put away in backpacks while on school property. If a caretaker needs to contact a child, please contact the school office at 216-529-4254. More details can be found in the handbook

at the end of this newsletter.

## BIRTHDAY TREATS

Should you choose to send a treat for a special occasion, please schedule it with the classroom teacher ahead of time & drop the treat off at the office. The teacher may set aside a few minutes for the treat, or they may send it home. For the health & safety of our students, treats must follow these guidelines:



- Treats should be small and store bought. This allows us to avoid concerns over food allergies because the ingredients are listed on the package.
- Treats should not require utensils or need refrigeration. Treats that need to be cut into pieces cannot be accepted.
- Families should consider sending a favor or small trinket instead of food.
- Please save decorative items (balloons, flowers, etc) for your home.

We reserve the right to refuse a treat that does not follow these guidelines.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- LAYER CLOTHING & BRING A JACKET: The weather is now changing. TIP: label the tag using a thin permanent marker.
- 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.
- PLANS: Be sure your child knows how he/she is getting home daily, and keep it consistent. If you have a change, please call our office before 2:00pm.
- 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.



- **AT DISMISSAL: Students must go directly home after school.**
- **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.
- **SAFETY:** Review important pedestrian safety with your children including awareness of surroundings, looking left-right-left, use of sidewalk and crosswalks and crossing guard. [Click here for more information](#)
- **THANK YOU** for following our guidance and keeping Emerson safe.

## 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!

Also posted on the Emerson website.



**Emerson  
Elementary School**

Family Handbook 2023-2024



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