

EMERSON NEWS

DECEMBER 2023 & JANUARY 2024

✦ UPCOMING EMERSON DATES ✦

- SPIRIT WEEK : (See Flyer)
 - Mon., Dec. 18: Dress like a Candy Cane Day, 7PM Live Holiday Story Zoom (See Below)
 - Tues., Dec. 19: Wear Flannel or Festive Socks Day,
 - Wed., Dec. 20: Wear Winter/Holiday Sweater Day
 - Thurs., Dec 21: Wear Cozy Pajamas Day, 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
- Wed. Jan 10: PTO Meeting 6PM
- Mon, Jan. 15: No School for Students: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Fri., Jan. 19: Emerson PTO's Family Game Night
- Thur., Jan 25: LKWD Kindergarten Info Night 6:30-8PM at Grant Elementary (See Flyer)
- Wed., Feb 7: PTO meeting 6PM
- Wed., Feb 21: LKWD Choral Concert. 7PM
- Thurs., Feb. 22 Emerson PTO's STEM Night 5:30-7PM

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!



Emerson Elementary Spirit Week Let's Deck the Halls!

December 18th-21st

Note: No School for Students on Friday the 22nd.



Monday - Candy Cane

Wear your red, white, and stripes today!



Tuesday - Flannels & Festive Socks

Wear your favorite flannel shirt and/or comfy, winter socks!



Wednesday - Sweaters

Beat the cold weather in your holiday (or winter!) sweater.



Thursday - Pajamas

Please consider the weather before choosing your school-appropriate, festive pajamas.



FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO FOLLOW EMERSON'S TWITTER & PTO'S FACEBOOK PAGE TO STAY CONNECTED:



@LkwdEmerson

<https://www.facebook.com/EmersonElementaryPTO>

GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER





Lakewood City Schools

Kindergarten Information Night

WELCOME CLASS OF 2037!

Who: Parents/guardians of incoming kindergarteners who would like to learn more about the Lakewood City Schools' kindergarten experience

When: Thursday, January 25, 2024
6:30 - 8:00 pm

Where: Grant Elementary School Cafetorium
1470 Victoria Avenue

The Teaching & Learning Department and team members from each of the buildings will share all that Lakewood City Schools has to offer, provide details about the kindergarten school day and outline the resources available to Lakewood City Schools' students. The night will wrap up with a question-and-answer session and an opportunity to check out the kindergarten classrooms at Grant.

Call 216-529-4203 for more information.

Note: Students must be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2024 in order to be age eligible to enter kindergarten in fall 2024.

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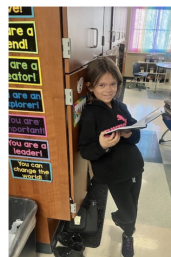
Cozy



Reading



Time



EMERSON PTO

Hello, Families!

Thank you to all of those that supported our Dine to Donate nights! Every bit helps PTO to help our students and we appreciate it! More dates are coming!

Want to show your holiday appreciation for our Emerson staff? Bake a dessert and bring it in this week by Wednesday, December 20th at drop off. Here is a Sign up Genius for the cookie day if you choose to give to the staff in this way

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4DA5AB29A6F58-46472450-emerson>



At the next PTO meetings, we will be planning for the next two PTO events: Family Game Night & STEM Night. If you'd like to learn be a part of events, please come to the upcoming PTO meeting. [PREVIOUS MINUTES FROM EMERSON PTO](#)

Don't miss January 10th at 6pm, our next PTO meeting, in the Emerson Library.

Minted is an on going fundraiser for Emerson with unique offerings all year long. Some of you ordered the incredible holiday cards but there is so much more & content changes throughout the year. Check out the link for something you love & know that you are supporting Emerson!

<https://mailchi.mp/700ed09fa37e/shop-minted-support-emerson-elementary-pto?e=3eefb8e92e>

It's a perfect 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. Receive early notification of information. Join with the links below to enhance our 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
- Join to support & learn more: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/pto-membership-39316>

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PLEASE

SUPPORT PTO

FOR OUR STUDENTS





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 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.



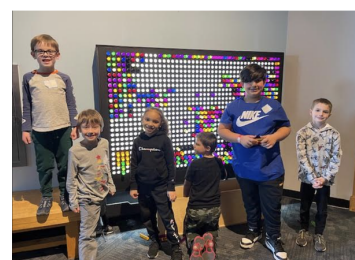
GRADE 1



FIELD TRIP TO



GREAT LAKES SCIENCE CENTER



DONATIONS: If you want to clear this out at home, we would appreciate it!

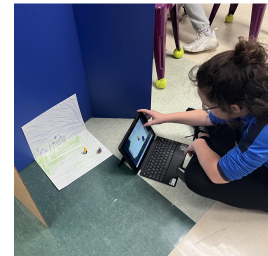
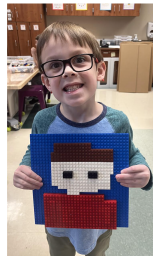
1. Legos for inside recess. If you have stray Legos (an incomplete set, a bin or a small stray pile...)
2. Empty cereal boxes (see STEM note below)
3. Boys & girls coats sizes 7/8
4. Children's winter glove pairs



LKWD STEM NEWS FROM MRS. GALLIK

Emerson students have been hard at work in our STEM class! We have been diving deep into the Engineering Design Process. Kindergarten & first graders have been using LEGO to take on design challenges on their own & in teams. Second & third graders have been designing & building marble mazes that get more elaborate each week, culminating in a whole table marble run. Fourth & fifth graders have been exploring stop motion animation. Be on the lookout for their stop motion animated movie premiers!

We are looking for empty cereal box donations between now and winter break (flattened is fine). Please send any to the STEM room with your child. Thank you so much!



Purple & Gold Classic: 5th Grade Basketball News

Emerson Elementary, along with the other Lakewood elementary schools, will once again be participating in the Lakewood Purple & Gold Classic 5th grade basketball tournament on April 6!

The team is coached by Mr. Henry, Ms. Kovach, and retired Lakewood principal Tom Zigman. Tryouts will be held on January 12 & 19 after school. The players who are chosen for the team will



then continue to practice on Fridays after school. Permission slips will be given to interested students after winter break.

Players will be representatives of Emerson. Coaches are not only looking at students' skills, but also their sportsmanship, coachability, and Emerson citizenship.

We look forward to seeing Emerson's student athletes in January!

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



LIBRARY RESOURCES

DON'T MISS THE MONTHLY CONTENT

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



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

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!

DECEMBER & JANUARY SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

SOCIAL AWARENESS: The ability to understand the perspectives of and empathize with others, including those from diverse backgrounds, cultures, & contexts. This includes the capacities to feel compassion for others, understand broader historical and social norms for behavior in different settings, and recognize family, school, and community resources and supports, such as:

- Taking others' perspectives
- Recognizing strengths in others
- Demonstrating empathy and compassion



- Showing concern for the feelings of others
- Understanding and expressing gratitude
- Identifying diverse social norms, including unjust ones
- Recognizing situational demands and opportunities
- Understanding the influences of organizations/systems on behavior

Perspective -Taking / Empathizing with Others

- DEFINITION: Empathy - The ability to sense other people's emotions, coupled with the ability to imagine what someone else might be thinking or feeling.
- DEFINITION: Perspective-Taking - The ability to recognize another person's point of view.

Big Ideas

- Listen and ask questions
- Think about how that person may be feeling
- Remind myself that not everyone thinks or feels the way I do and that's okay
- Show (with words and/or behaviors) that I understand a person's feelings

Family Hub

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!

[LINK to LCS FAMILY HUB](#)



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.

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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