

# EMERSON NEWS

FEBRUARY 2024

## ✦ UPCOMING EMERSON DATES ✦

- Wed., Feb 7: PTO meeting, 6PM
- Wed., Feb. 14: Valentine's Day: Wear pink, red or white.
- Fri., Feb. 16: No School for Students: Professional Learning Day for Staff
- Mon., Feb. 19: No School for Presidents' Day Holiday
- Wed., Feb. 21: Lakewood Choir Concert Gr 4-5 at LKWD Civic, 7PM
- Thurs., Feb. 22: Emerson Family STEAM Night, 5:30-7:30PM. RSVP Below
- Tues., Feb. 27: Cavs Spirit Day. Wear your Cavs gear or wine and/or gold clothing.
- Mon., March 4: Lakewood Board of Education Meeting at Emerson, 7PM
- Fri., March 8: End of Quarter 3
- M-F March 11-15: No School for Spring Break
- Mon., March 18: School Resumes
- Tues., March 19: Voting Day
- Wed., March 20: Cavs Spirit Day. Wear your Cavs gear or wine and/or gold clothing.
- Thurs., March 21: Emerson PTO Family Game Night, 6:30-8PM
- Wed., March 27: PTO meeting, 6PM
- Fri., March 29 & Mon. April 1: No School for Easter Holiday
- Mon., April 8: No School: For Solar Eclipse Day

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!

## GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY



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

Each week your child is to complete a total of 45 minutes of Math & 45 minutes of Reading on their i-Ready personalized instructional pathway. The school assessments cater lessons to





address each student's strengths & needs across each subject.  
Your child's 2nd-5th grade teacher can provide more details.



### Emerson’s Annual STEAM Family Night

Thurs, Feb. 22rd, 2024 5:30-7:30 PM

This fun-filled family evening is designed to bring **Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math (STEAM)** awareness to families, provide inquiry-based learning experiences, & highlight the amazing STEAM work Emerson students are doing in their classrooms.

- SEE exhibits from Emerson classrooms & share in their learning experiences.
- PARTICIPATE in hands-on activities created in conjunction with the Great Lakes Science Center!
- SIGN UP for amazing raffle prizes, including the chance for FREE Great Lakes Science Center Admission Tickets & receive Eclipse safe viewing tips
- HUNGRY? PTO will have pizza, chips & drinks for sale

RSVP: Please [click this link to RSVP](#) -OR- return the bottom portion **by TH, 2/15/2024**

Student Name

Grade

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



# Students attending \_\_\_\_\_ # Adults attending \_\_\_\_\_

\*Students need an adult present to participate and your children of all ages are welcome.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am willing to volunteer to support the event.

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact info \_\_\_\_\_

**CLICK HERE FOR STEAM NIGHT RSVP**

## EMERSON PTO

Hello, Families!

- Our next event is Family STEAM Night and you will not want to miss it. It is Thursday, Feb. 22 from 5:30-7:30PM
- Our January Family Game Night was cancelled due to a snow day. Good news! It's been rescheduled for March 21st. (See Flyer Below)



**Don't miss March 27th at 6pm, our next PTO meeting, in the Emerson Library.**

If you'd like to learn be a part of events, please come to the upcoming PTO meeting. [PREVIOUS MINUTES FROM EMERSON PTO](#)

**Minted our going fundraiser for Emerson with unique offerings all year long.** 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](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**





## 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.



## 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 Saturday, April 6! The team is coached by Mr. Henry, Ms. Kovach, and retired Lakewood principal Tom Zigman.

## MS. SIMONITIS' SPOTLIGHT ON EMERSON ARTISTS





## EMERSON GIRLS ON THE RUN OPPORTUNITY GRADES 3-4-5

### Your girl's future is built on the confidence she has today.

The Girls on the Run program focuses on the whole person-mind, body and social connection. The evidence-based curriculum includes:

- Trained coaches who teach the importance of **nurturing emotional health**
- Joyful **physical movement-based activities**
- Setting goals in preparation for a celebratory 5K
- Relevant group discussions that teach life skills and **critical thinking**
- Lessons that create a sense of belonging and acceptance to make a **welcoming place for all**

**IN A RECENT SURVEY, 98% OF PARTICIPANTS REPORT THAT THEY:**

- ☒ **HAD FUN AT PRACTICE**
- ☒ **WOULD RECOMMEND THE PROGRAM TO A FRIEND**
- ☒ **FELT THAT THEIR TEAMMATES SUPPORTED THEM**

**LOCATION**

Emerson Elementary

Grades Served: 3rd-5th grade

Practice Days & Times:  
Mon & Wed / 3:10-4:30pm

Contact: Meghan Cliffel,  
megcliffel@gmail.com

Registration opens Tuesday, February 6, 2024  
Season starts the week of March 4th  
Celebratory 5K on Saturday, May 11th

Financial assistance available to all participants

**Girls on the Run is for every girl, no exceptions.**

Run, hop, roll, walk, push, or skip – participants of all abilities have a place on our team.

**SIGN UP!**

[www.gotrneo.org](http://www.gotrneo.org)

To ensure that all girls have equal opportunity to participate, the first week of registration is a lottery - see website for details. Registration will reopen on a first-come, first served basis for any sites with space remaining after the lottery is run.



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# YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE NOW!

CLICK HERE TO PRE-ORDER  
YOUR 2023-2024 YEARBOOK

RIPCHO STUDIO IS YOUR OFFICIAL YEARBOOK SUPPLIER!

## GRADE 1 MARKET DAY CULMINATING PROJECT: KIDS MARKET & SELL THEIR GOODS





## LIBRARY RESOURCES

DON'T MISS THE MONTHLY CONTENT

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



## GRADE 4-5 CHOIR

CHOIR to sing at LHS in February.

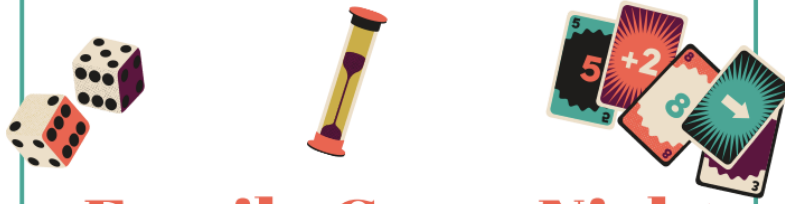
Mark your family calendars: All of our Lakewood City Schools Elementary choirs will be performing at the annual "LAKEWOOD SINGS!" concert on Thursday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Matt Fitz, Emerson Elementary School Music

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



Emerson Elementary PTO Presents



## Family Game Night

Thursday, March 21st



Doors Open: 6:30pm

Assorted Games: 6:30 - 8:00pm

Staggered Start Bingo (with prizes!)



**\*Refreshments available  
for purchase!**

### 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!**

### STAYING HEALTHY

Strep throat is going around this winter. Let's keep those hand washing routines going.

Signs and symptoms of strep throat usually include:

- Sore throat that can start very quickly
- Pain when swallowing
- Fever
- Red and swollen tonsils, sometimes with white patches or streaks of pus
- Tiny, red spots (petechiae) on the roof of the mouth (the soft or hard palate)
- Swollen lymph nodes in the front of the neck



Someone with strep throat is usually not able to spread the bacteria to others after they have taken the correct antibiotic for 24 hours or longer.



## **SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING FOCUS AT EMERSON**

### RELATIONSHIP SKILLS

The abilities to establish & maintain healthy & supportive relationships & to effectively navigate settings with diverse individuals & groups. This includes the capacities to communicate clearly, listen actively, cooperate, work collaboratively to problem solve & negotiate conflict constructively, navigate settings with differing social & cultural demands & opportunities, provide leadership, & seek or offer help when needed.

Such as:

- Communicating effectively
- Developing positive relationships
- Demonstrating cultural competency
- Practicing teamwork and collaborative problem-solving
- Resolving conflicts constructively
- Resisting negative social pressure
- Showing leadership in groups
- Seeking or offering support and help



# Kindergarten registration for the upcoming school year is now open! Reserve your spot now.



## Kindergarten FAQs - Lakewood City School District

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[lakewoodcityschools.org](https://lakewoodcityschools.org)

## 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:** The weather changes regularly. Make sure your children have jackets, gloves and boots for recess. **TIP:** label the tag jackets & clothing items 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. Label student power cords.
  - 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.
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- 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](#)
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- 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



## CONTACT US

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