

# EMERSON NEWS

MARCH APRIL 2024

## ✦ UPCOMING EMERSON DATES ✦

- Fri., March 29 & Mon. April 1: NO SCHOOL for Easter Holiday
- Fri., April 5: 1:45-2:45 5th Grade vs. Emerson Staff Basketball Assembly (Parents of students on Purple Gold Basketball Team and Dance team invited)
- Mon., April 8: No School: For Solar Eclipse Day (See info below)
- April 9-April 26: AIR state testing window 3-4-5 ELA (Reading & Writing) .... Specific dates below
- April 17-May 7: AIR state testing window 3-4-5 Math & 5-Science .... Specific dates below
- Wed., April 17: Dine to Donate for Emerson at Ohio City Burrito
- Wed., April 24: Emerson PTO meeting 6PM in the LRC
- Fri., April 26: Cavs Spirit Day Wear Wine & Gold, 1:30 Student Interactive Assembly with the Cleveland Cavaliers! (See flyer: Please scan the QR code to complete the waiver below)
- Fri., May 3: Art Music Dance Events: Grade K & 2 (Parent invites & more info to come soon)
- Wed., May 8: Emerson Chalkfest
- Thurs., May 9: Emerson Chalkfest rain date
- Fri., May 10: Art Music Dance Events: Grade 1 (Parent invites & more info to come soon)
- Fri., May 17: Grade 3-4-5 Art Music Fest (Parent invites & more info to come soon)
- Tues., May 21: 5th Grade Instrumental Concert, 7PM at LKWD Civic with Daytime rehearsal at Clvic
- Wed., May 22: Lakewood Battle of the Books Grade 5 Club Competition (More info to come)
- Th., May 23: 6PM Emerson PTO Social (More info to come & Location to be Determined)
- Mon., May 27: NO SCHOOL for Memorial Day Holiday
- Wed., May 29: Emerson Field Day with GMS Student Volunteers (AM GR 3-5 & PM GR K-2)
- Th., May 30: 10:15 AM GMS Music Tour Assembly for Students
- Fri., May 31: Rain Date for Emerson Field Day with GMS Student Volunteers (AM GR 3-5 & PM GR K-2)
- Tues., June 4: 5th Grade Fun Day (Call the office if you are a 5th grade parent & want to help plan)
- Wed., June 5: 5th Grade Graduation 11:00 & Emerson Grade Picnic to follow for students & family
- Thurs., June 6: K-5 Last Day of School; 2:55 5th Grade Clap Out at Jackson Doors

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!



## ECLIPSE GLASSES & RESOURCES

Information for families: [one-pager](#) with activities, safety instructions & additional information regarding the Eclipse.

- **ONE PAGE RESOURCE:**
- [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1\\_GE5z82j8\\_YPWulMUUO3YHJE8JvnA64Q103IBaptPyl/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_GE5z82j8_YPWulMUUO3YHJE8JvnA64Q103IBaptPyl/edit?usp=sharing)

- **VIDEO RESOURCE LINK:** <https://youtu.be/2snkIT25Zs8>

- Eclipse Glasses go home Wed., April 3, 2024 to ALL Emerson students & staff. Please get them from book bags immediately to keep them from getting damaged.
- ALL Lakewood students & staff will receive a pair of Eclipse glasses for safe viewing.

🕶️ **NEED ADDITIONAL PAIRS OF ECLIPSE GLASSES? CALL MRS. CARLSON IN THE EMERSON OFFICE 216-524-4254. EMERSON PTO PURCHASED EXTRAS FOR YOUR FAMILY AS NEEDED!** 🕶️

We will be recycling the glasses after the Total Eclipse to share them with other parts of the world who will need them in the future!

## GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY



EMERSON FAMILY GAME NIGHT ... BINGO IS FOR ALL AGES 🥰



## EMERSON PTO

Hello, Families!

- Thank you, all for making Emerson's Family STEAM Night & Family Game Night great successes!

**Don't miss April 24th 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-pt0?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**

## EMERSON FAMILY STEAM NIGHT: FUN & LEARNING COLLIDE





## 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. Thank you to Mrs. Underwood for pulling together a dance team for Emerson. Thank you, PTO for supporting our dance team with AMAZING T-shirts!



- 8:30 AM game one Emerson Elementary plays Harrison Elementary
- If/when we win, the next game is 11:30 AM.
- If/when we win, the championship game is 2:00 PM.

## CLE CAVS ASSEMBLY COMING TO EMERSON: PLEASE SCAN & COMPLETE THE WAIVER

# CLEVELAND Cavaliers



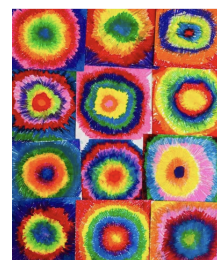
Cavs Academy, the official youth basketball program of the Cleveland Cavaliers, will be running a fun and interactive pep assembly at Emerson Elementary! Our Cavs Academy coaches will be leading your students through skills and drills that teach the **FUNDamentals** of basketball.

**DATE: APRIL 26**  
**TIME: 1:30PM**

PLEASE SCAN  
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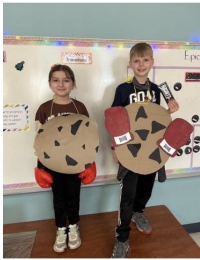


## MS. SIMONITIS' SPOTLIGHT ON EMERSON ARTISTS



## CAN YOU GUESS THE IDIOM? IDIOM DAY IN 4TH GRADE ELA CLASS

IDIOM = a group of words established by usage as having a meaning not deducible from those of the individual words (Example: *Costs an arm & leg*)



## YEARBOOK PRE-ORDERS ARE CLOSED

DID YOU MISS OUT? If you are interested in purchasing an Emerson Yearbook, call Mrs. Carlson in the office 216-524-4254 ASAP and she will order one for you. They are \$22 & they will only print as many as we pre-order.

**RipchoStudio**  
SchoolPhotography

# YEARBOOKS

## STATE TESTING DATES FOR GRADES 3-4-5

[23-24 SPRING Letter with Test Dates for parents SPRING.pdf](#)

- Please click the link to learn about state testing dates.

- A link is included to experience released state testing materials if you choose.
- A hard copy was sent home in backpacks prior to the long Easter weekend.
- Please make sure your students have working headphones for the Math and Science tests as this will allow them to listen to content.

TEST	DATE
AIR 5-ELA, Part 1 with one essay Opinion/Informative	M 4/15
AIR 5-ELA, Part 2	T 4/16
AIR 4-ELA, Part 1 with one essay Opinion/Informative	TH 4/18
AIR 4-ELA, Part 2	F 4/19
AIR 3-ELA, Part 1 with one essay Opinion/Informative	M 4/22
AIR 3-ELA, Part 2	T 4/23
AIR 5-SCIENCE, Part 1	W 4/24
AIR 4-MATH, Part 1	W 4/24
AIR 5-SCIENCE, Part 2	TH 4/25
AIR 4-MATH, Part 2	TH 4/25
AIR 3-MATH, Part 1	T 4/30
AIR 5-MATH, Part 1	T 4/30
AIR 3-MATH, Part 2	TH 5/2
AIR 5-MATH, Part 2	TH 5/2



## LIBRARY RESOURCES

DON'T MISS THE MONTHLY CONTENT

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

## 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!**



## LUNCH MENU

<https://myschoolmenus.com/organizations/1543/sites/11028/menus/48670?date=2024-03-01&view=monthly>

## 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.



## LAKESWOOD REC CENTER OFFERINGS

Looking for exciting opportunities to engage your children and help them explore their interests? [Check out this link](#) for programs offered through the Lakewood Recreation Center.



## 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!

## 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.



**SUPPORTING  
NANZE  
CHILDREN'S  
SERVICES**  
[WWW.NANZE.ORG](http://WWW.NANZE.ORG)

## RALLY FOR MALAWI GOLF OUTING

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WuT8500jV\\_ugfzuHuUqeX2S56\\_0W0Kot/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WuT8500jV_ugfzuHuUqeX2S56_0W0Kot/view?usp=sharing)

## CONNECTING FOR KIDS

Connecting for Kids April & May programs.

LINK <https://www.connectingforkids.org/MonthlyFliers/>



## 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.
- **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.

## EMERSON FIRST GRADE STUDENT HONORED AS STAR STUDENT



### 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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