



Emmett School District

Homecoming Week News & Updates!



Welcome to Homecoming Week 2025!

It's here! For many of our students, Homecoming Week is the favorite week of the school year. It's a time when we come together as a small town to celebrate our hometown schools and students.

This year, the only Friday that school is in session is Homecoming Friday—September 19. The highlight of the day for our K–12 students will be the Homecoming Parade! Our elementary schools will travel to the park to enjoy the high school parade, which is always filled with fun, spirit, and lasting memories.

Dress-Up Days

All of our schools are hosting special dress-up days throughout the week. Please check with your child's school for their individual schedule of themes and events.

Homecoming

Finally, Our Varsity Huskies football team will take on Skyview in the Homecoming game Friday night at 7:00. We can't wait to celebrate together as a community and cheer on our Huskies! ❤️ 🐾



ParentSquare - Important Information

We want to share some important information about **ParentSquare**, how it works, and what you can expect.

What is ParentSquare?

ParentSquare is Emmett School District's communication platform. Teachers and schools will use it to reach out to you. It will also be the communication platform used by all athletics, groups, and activities. While staff can still respond to emails, ParentSquare provides a documented record of communication—helpful for both families and staff. We are encouraging teachers to use ParentSquare when reaching out to families. This will ensure communication is received and in one centralized platform.

Many school districts are moving to a single communication platform, and there is even discussion of potential legislation that may one day require this for all school districts. In our area, Kuna and Nampa are already ParentSquare Districts. We are excited to be making this transition now and the benefits it will provide to students, staff, and families.

Why You Should Verify Your Account

We encourage all parents to verify their ParentSquare accounts. This ensures you can receive communication from the district, your child's school, classrooms, teams, and groups. The ParentSquare app is especially helpful on mobile devices. Parents who haven't yet registered their account will receive a link **today**. Please click the link and follow the instructions.

Notification Preferences

We know no one wants to be overwhelmed by notifications. Please be patient as our staff learns the tool, and we all find the right balance.. You can manage your preferences in ParentSquare:

- We recommend setting your notifications to **"digest"**—this means you'll receive most updates in one daily message around 6:00 p.m.
- Please **do not turn notifications off**. In urgent situations, we cannot contact families who have notifications disabled. Even with "digest" enabled, urgent alerts will still reach you right away. However, if notifications are turned to "off," you will not be notified even in urgent situations.

Virtual Phone Calls

ParentSquare also includes a **Virtual Phone** feature. This allows staff to make school-related calls from a virtual number. These calls are recorded and transcribed for accuracy.

A few things to note:

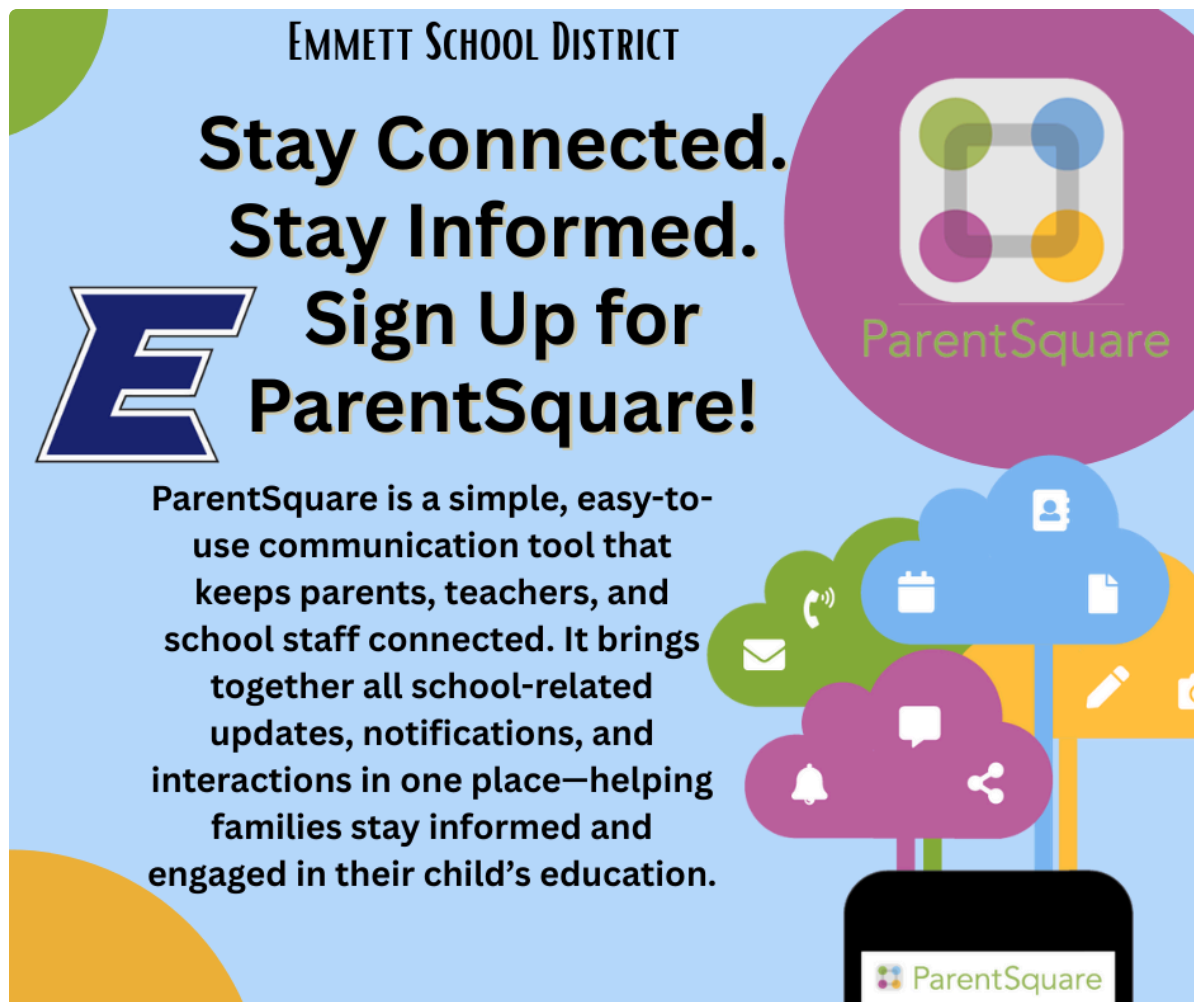
- Some carriers may mark our ESD virtual phone numbers as “potential spam.” Unfortunately, this is outside our control.
- If we miss you, we will leave a voicemail from the virtual number, and you can return the call directly.
- Teachers may choose to share their virtual phone numbers with you so you can save them in your contacts.
- When receiving a call, you’ll hear a notification letting you know it’s a ParentSquare call from Emmett School District, and that it will be recorded.

Moving Forward

We are excited about ParentSquare and Virtual Phone! We believe these tools will make communication easier and more effective for families and staff.

If you have any questions, please contact:

 Amanda Weers, ESD Public Information Officer





Community Schools Coordinators Week!

This week, Idaho celebrates **Community Schools Coordinators**! We are so fortunate to have an incredible team of coordinators here in Emmett School District. These dedicated professionals play a vital role in connecting families, students, and community partners—helping make our schools true hubs of collaboration, support, and opportunity.

We want to give a special shout-out and heartfelt thank you to our amazing coordinators:

- **Amy Burr** – District, EHS, EMS
- **Aimee Thompson** – Carberry Elementary
- **Abby Buck** – Shadow Butte Elementary
- **Olivia Lavallii** – Butte View Elementary
- **Tanja Castello** - True North Prep

Thank you for your hard work, commitment, and heart for our students and families. You make a difference every single day, and we are so grateful for you!



School Zone Safety

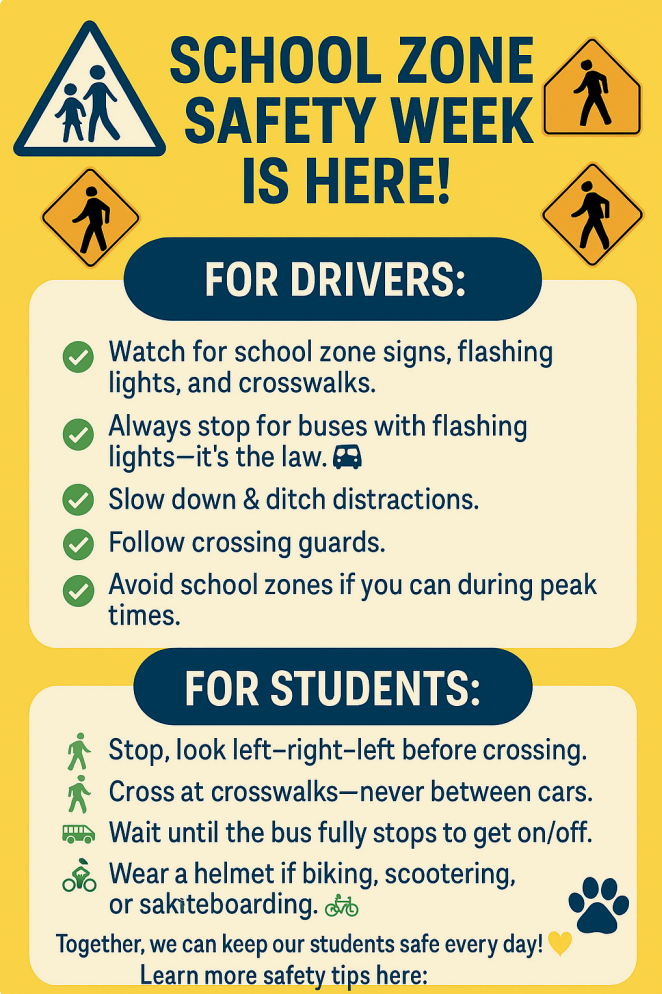
Last week was School Zone Safety Week. As the days get shorter, these reminders become even more important as many students are traveling to school in low light. Let's all work together—schools, parents, students, and our community—to keep everyone safe! ❤️ 🐾

✅ For Drivers:

- Watch for school zone signs, flashing lights, and crosswalks.
- Always stop for buses with flashing lights—it's the law. 🚌
- Slow down & ditch distractions.
- Follow crossing guards.
- Avoid school zones if you can during peak times.

👟 For Students:

- Stop, look **left–right–left** before crossing.
- Cross at crosswalks—never between cars.
- Wait until the bus fully stops to get on/off.
- Wear a helmet if biking, scootering, or skateboarding. 🚲 🛹
- Use bright clothes, reflectors, or lights to stay visible.



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Together, we can keep our students safe every day! ❤️

Learn more safety tips here:

September Table Toppers

Check out our new Table Toppers! These are available in restaurants and businesses around the community!

You're Invited! Homecoming Sept 19!
Parade - 12:00
Emmett vs Skyview - 7:00
School Board Elections - 2025

Three seats are open! Election Day is Nov. 4! Here are the candidates:
 • Mona Barnes • Rick Johnston
 • Terry Jones • Clay Smith

New School Resource Officer
A state grant has funded the hiring of Tom Armstrong - a new SRO for our district. Officer Armstrong will be primarily at EMS and available district-wide. Officer Armstrong has raised his kids in Gem County and is now enjoying seeing his grandkids grow up here!

Volunteers Needed!
We need community volunteers for two upcoming work groups.
 • **Elementary Configuration Group** - Look at options for boundaries and who is served at which school.
 • **Facilities Options Group** - Look at facility challenges facing our schools & discuss potential solutions.
 • Contact the District office for info: (208)369-6301

New School Year
EMMETT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Projects & News

- **EMS HVAC Replacement**
Funded by HB 521 - project is in progress and will continue in stages throughout the year.
- **Property for True North**
Funded by House Bill 521, ESD has purchased property adjoining EHS for a future site for True North Prep. True North will be relocated to 861 W. 12th St. in August 2026.
- **Air quality sensors**
New sensors have been added to some of our schools, with data publicly available on our school websites.

Music & Drama
Our high school music & drama teachers have now taken the helm at EMS as well, providing program alignment throughout. EHS drama is heading to competition season and are looking for their 4th straight District III championship!

Thank You!
We love how many in our community worked to make the start of school happy and successful for our students. Here are a few we noticed.
 • Community member, Karla Kimball, grew zinnias for the special purpose of providing them to children to bring fresh bouquets to their teachers and staff at the start of the year. What a beautiful way to begin our school year—with kindness, color, and community spirit blooming all around us.
 • Pioneer Title's annual school supply drive gathered school supplies from our generous community and equipped many students for a great start this year!

Our Students
EMMETT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Carberry Elementary

What do you want to learn this year?
 • Jack - 1st grade - "What is 4 times 4. Well, all the times."
What are you excited about this year?
 • Rym - Kinder. - "To play on the playground."
 • Krew - 2nd grade - "Rec day."
 • Rohm - 4th grade - "Reading. I love reading."

Emmett Middle School
What are you most excited for?
 • Gage - 6th - Gage is most excited for the Homecoming parade this year!
 • Nate - 6th - Nate is excited for his PE class this year. He's interested in learning more about playing soccer.
 • Aydia - 8th - "My goal for the year is to get a 4.0 GPA."

Emmett High School
What are you looking forward to this year?
 • Brynn - 11th - "I am looking forward to growing student involvement at Emmett High School."
 • Leah - 12th - "I am looking forward to making this the best last year with my favorite people."
 • Gavin - 12th - "I am looking forward to the social aspect of being with my friends for our last year of high school."

Shadow Butte Elementary
What are your goals this year?
 • Annabell - 2nd grade
 1. Get good grades
 2. Get good at handstands
 3. Make my teacher happy
 • Dominic - 2nd grade
 1. Get good grades
 2. Get a job
 3. Get rich
 • Kyler - 2nd grade
 1. To score a goal in soccer
 2. To make a new friend
 3. To be kind

Sweet Elementary
What are you looking forward to this year?
 • Kimber - 4th grade - "I'm looking forward to the Huskie Parade & eating candy!"
 • Ty - 4th grade - "I'm looking forward to learning history."

Superintendent Woods
What are you excited about this year?
 "I'm excited about the strong parental and community partnerships supporting our schools. With new options like True North Prep and the Virtual Prep Academy of Idaho, families have more opportunities than ever to find the right fit."

Butte View Elementary
• **From a Parent!**
[Butte View] has been such a positive and meaningful experience. [My daughter] has truly enjoyed being part of the school community, and we are so appreciative of the kindness, support, and care shown by her teachers and the staff.



District Work Groups - Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for **community and parent volunteers** to join two important district work groups. Each group will present their work and recommendations to the school board to help guide decisions for the future of our schools.\

📌 Elementary Configuration Group

Next year, True North Prep will move out of the Butte View Complex into its own location. This will open the building to be utilized as a single school. This group will explore options for adjusting elementary boundaries and determining which grade levels are served at each school.

📌 Facilities Options Group

This group will review current facility challenges across our schools and discuss potential solutions to meet both present and future needs.

👥 Interested in joining?

We'd love to have your voice at the table! Please contact the district office for more information or to volunteer:

📞 (208) 365-6301

✉ info@isd221.net

Your input is vital in shaping the future of education in our community. ❤️ 🐾



School Board Elections 2025

The Emmett School District will have **three trustee seats** up for election this fall. **Election Day is November 4!**

Here are the four candidates running for these positions:

- **Mona Barnes**
- **Rick Johnston**
- **Terry Jones**
- **Clay Smith**

As we move toward Election Day, we will share more information to help families and community members get to know the candidates.

Homecoming Week Activities Schedule

Come join us for an exciting week of Huskie athletics and Homecoming fun! Here's the lineup of **home games** for Emmett Middle School and Emmett High School. Come out, show your spirit, and cheer on our Huskies! ❤️ 🐾

Tuesday, September 16

-  Coed Varsity Golf vs. Caldwell HS – *Home (EHS)*
-  Girls Volleyball vs. McCall – *Home (EHS)*
 - JV: 5:30 PM
 - Varsity: 6:30 PM

Wednesday, September 17

-  EMS Girls Volleyball vs. Sage Valley – *Home (EMS)*
 - 7th B: 4:15 PM
 - 7th A: 5:15 PM

Thursday, September 18

-  Boys Soccer vs. Payette – *Home*
 - JV: 4:00 PM
 - Varsity: 5:30 PM
-  Boys Football vs. Skyview – *Home*
 - Freshman: 6:00 PM
-  EMS Girls Volleyball vs. Vallivue – *Home (EMS)*
 - 8th B: 4:15 PM
 - 8th A: 5:15 PM

Friday, September 19

-  **Boys Varsity Football vs. Skyview – Homecoming Game!**
 - Varsity: 7:00 PM

Come out, wear your Huskie blue, and help us make this a Homecoming Week to remember! 🎉 🎊



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[Kenneth Carberry Elementary](#)
- [Shadow Butte Elementary](#)
[Sweet Elementary](#)
[Emmett Remote Academy](#)

School Phone Numbers

Emmett High School	208-365-6023	Ola Elementary	208-584-3589
Emmett Middle School	208-365-2921	Sweet-Montour Elementary	208-584-3378
Black Canyon Jr-Sr High	208-365-5552	Shadow Butte Elementary	208-365-0877
Butte View Elementary	208-365-4691	Emmett Remote Academy	208-365-4691
Carberry Elementary	208-365-0839	Bus Shop	208-365-3207