

Emerson Elementary School
"Where Children Soar Like Eagles"

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Dear Emerson Elementary Friends and Families,

Welcome back! We are incredibly excited to welcome our students and families to the 2026–2027 school year at Emerson Elementary. We hope your summer has been filled with fun, relaxation, and memorable moments with friends and family. As we prepare to return to the classroom, we are energized and eager to create another amazing year of learning, growth, and community together.

This year will be especially meaningful as we celebrate **Emerson Elementary's final school year**. Throughout the year, we will find ways to honor Emerson's proud history, celebrate the memories and traditions that have made our school so special, and recognize the students, families, staff members, and community partners who have contributed to the Emerson story. While this final year may bring many emotions, it also gives us a wonderful opportunity to come together and make the 2026–2027 school year one that we will always remember.

To kick off the new school year, we invite you to join us for our **4K–5 Open House on Monday, August 17, from 4:30–5:30 p.m.** This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's teachers, explore classrooms, and become familiar with the school environment. School pictures will also be taken that day from **12:00–6:00 p.m.**, so do not forget to bring your best smile!

Please note that the **first day of school is Thursday, August 20**. Our school day will run from **7:45 a.m.–2:25 p.m.** The first bell, signaling that students may enter the building, will ring at **7:35 a.m.** each morning. Breakfast will be served beginning at **7:20 a.m.**, allowing students to arrive early and enjoy a nutritious start before classes begin.

Construction and Traffic Reminder

Please use additional caution when traveling to and from Emerson Elementary. Construction continues to take place near the four-way intersection of **Campbell Road and 21st Street North**. Families may experience closed traffic and walking routes on their way to Emerson (at least to start the school year).

Please allow additional travel time, follow all posted construction signs and remain especially alert for students, pedestrians, construction workers, and other vehicles. We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation as we work together to keep our students and families safe.

When using the "Safety Circle" at the north-end of Emerson, please practice patience and avoid skipping ahead or passing in line. While drop-off and pick-up can be hectic, please remember safety is of the utmost importance. Take extra time to be sure you are doing your part to keep yourself and others safe.

We look forward to seeing everyone on August 17 for Open House and welcoming every student back to Emerson Elementary on August 20. Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. We cannot wait to learn, grow, celebrate, and create lasting memories together during Emerson's final and very special school year.

Here's to a fantastic year filled with learning, friendship, fun, and celebration!

Important Upcoming Dates and Times

Monday, August 17, 2026

- 12:00–6:00 p.m. — School pictures
- 4:30–5:30 p.m. — 4K–5 Open House

Thursday, August 20, 2026

- First day of school
- Breakfast begins at 7:20 a.m.
- Building-entry bell rings at 7:35 a.m.
- School day runs from 7:45 a.m.–2:25 p.m.

With Excitement,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Eric P. Check". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Eric" and last name "Check" being more prominent than the middle initial "P.".

Eric Check
Principal
Emerson Elementary