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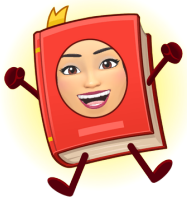
Principal's Message August 1, 2026

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Dear Emery Community,



It's time to soar into the 2026–2027 school year and what a year it's going to be! I'm thrilled to welcome our students, staff, and families back to campus for another exciting year of learning, growth, and connection.



I hope your summer was filled with joyful family time, rest, and maybe a great book or two.



What's New at Emery?

We're excited to welcome a new team member to our Emery family:

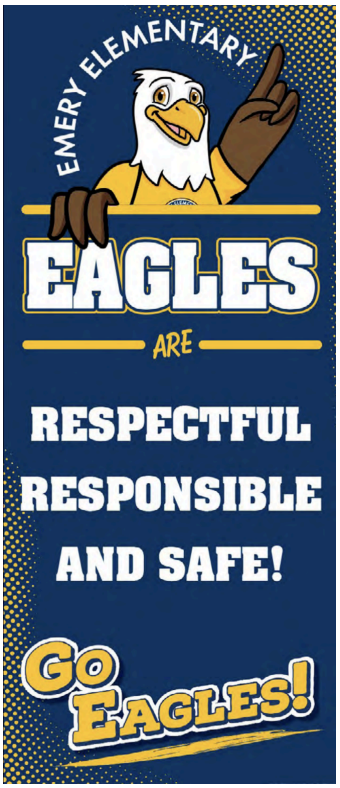
- **Mrs. Jody Paulson** serving as our new 4th grade teacher

➔ She comes with years of experience in upper grades and is eager to soar with the rest of us Eagles!

➔ Two new **murals** have been added to our campus! They have really added some color to uplift and inspire our students.

➔ Our **Emery Logo** has been given a new look! New spirit wear will be created in the near future!

➔ We have **new PBIS**(Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports), **School Expectations** and posters for the entire campus! You will see a change over time as new messaging has been updated to keep our students thriving in a positive environment.





Wednesday, August 12, 2026

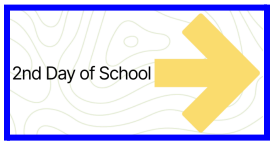
- Early Release Schedule:
  - TK & Kinder: 12:20 PM
  - Grades 1–5: 12:30 PM

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About Drop Off's



At this time, there are no scheduled campus tours prior to the first day of school. Rest assured, we will have plenty of staff available to assist and guide you and your child to their classroom on the first day. **Parents are welcome** to walk their child to class on the first day; however, we kindly ask that you plan to say your goodbyes promptly, as we begin fostering student independence from day one.



Please note that Emery is a closed campus. Beginning on the second day of school, we will resume regular safety procedures. This includes:

- All gates will be locked when the bell rings and parents will remain outside.
- Student drop-offs at gates will be enforced.
- All visitors must check in at the front office.
- A valid driver's license, or government issued ID, is required for clearance through our Raptor Visitor Management System.

These protocols are in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all students. We appreciate your support and cooperation.



Bell Schedule for Emery 26-27 (link)



Drop-Off/ Pick-Up, Parking & Safety (Map Link)

With nearly **600 students**, opening day will be full of excitement! Please follow all drop-off procedures and assigned parking guidelines.

A map detailing your child's assigned drop-off/pick per grade is as follows:

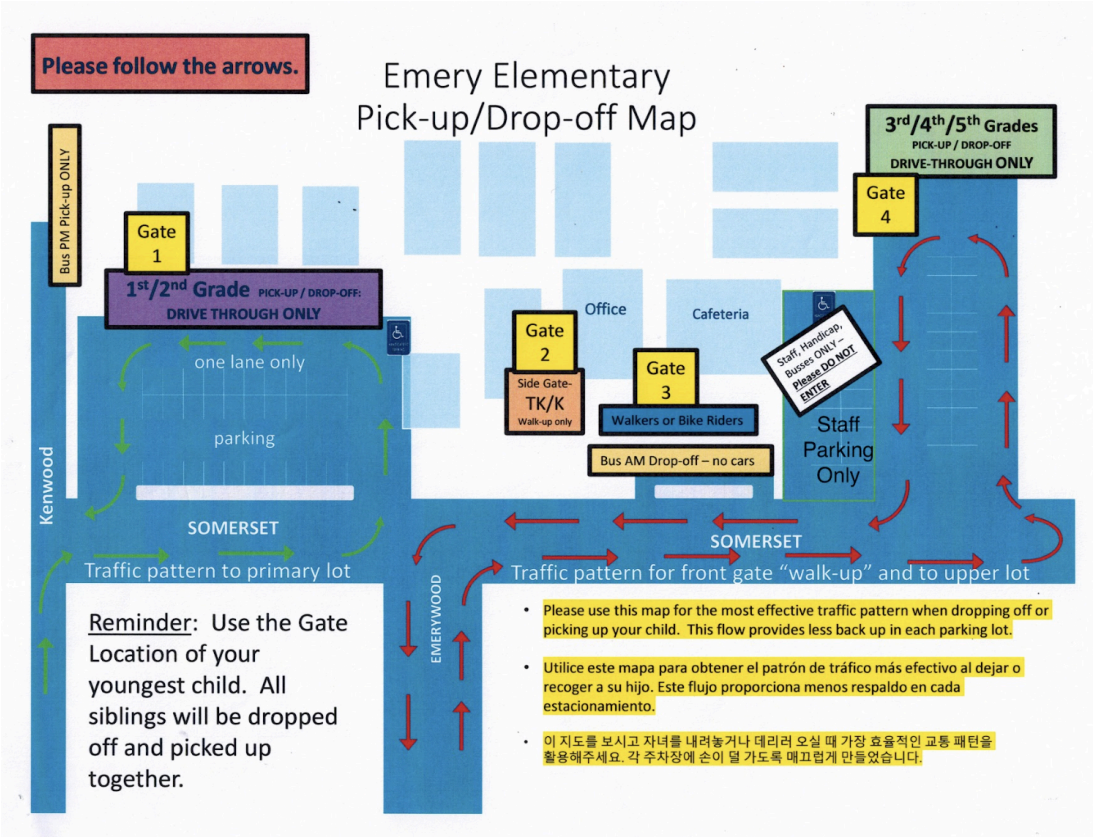
★ *1st-5th Grade Walkers* - Use GATE 3 by the front office.

★ *TK/K Students and Bike Riders* - Please walk children to GATE 2 for a safe hand-off and pick up. Bikes need to be parked by Room 1.

★ *1st/2nd Graders* - Drive Through Use GATE 1

★ *3rd/4th/5th Graders* - Drive Through Use GATE 4

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Please adhere to the designated paths to ensure a smooth and safe traffic flow. **Please do NOT make U-Turns in front of our school.** Drive to the end of the Somerset cul-de-sac instead so as not to cause a traffic jam.

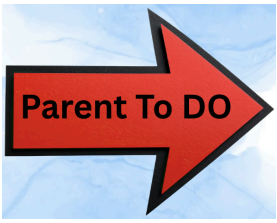
Plan ahead and arrive early, and let's show respect, patience, and kindness to one another. A strong start sets the tone for a fantastic year!

Bus Riders - This is highly encouraged!
Please click here for a bus application on our district website.
These students receive front-of-school service and arrive on time for breakfast. For bus pick up, students are picked up at the Kenwood Gate.



TK/K students will be picked up by an aide and walked to the bus at the end of the day.

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DATA Confirmation - Stay Connected

- The **Aeries Parent Portal** is open! Please complete **Data Confirmation** as soon as possible to update your contact info, permissions, and emergency contacts. Each child should be done individually. Remember to change it as needed throughout the year.

- Teacher assignments will be posted in Aeries on **August 11 at 4:00 PM.** (As a reminder, we do not accept teacher requests. Our placement process is thoughtful and based on student needs and program balance, and teacher strengths.) You will not be able to see your teacher assignment until Data Confirmation is complete.
- Note: Photo Release permission allows us to post within our organization. Awards, recognition, and school events are shared with our community. Please say yes. We love to brag about our students!
- Website: Is under construction and you will begin so see changes and updates soon. However keep your eye on the Emery Events Calendar found under "About Emery" on our website https://emery.bpsd.us/ regularly, as it's being updated with important events and activities throughout the year.

  Here is a link to the BPSD Instructional Calendar 26-27 with Important Dates for the year.

TK /Kinder Students Soaring Start Dates



If your child is entering TK or K they are invited to come meet the teachers and take a short assessment to help our teachers balance our classrooms for the 26-27 school year. Please click on the link that applies to your child below for specific assessment dates according to your child's last name.

TK Soaring Start Info (click here)
Kindergarten Soaring Start Info (click here)

Also, TK/K are invited to come to Meet the teacher day on **August 11th!** Make sure you add it to your schedule:
TK - Arrive at 7:45 - 8:00 am for teacher assignments / Meet the Teacher 8:00-8:45 am
Kinder - Arrive at 8:40 am for teacher assignments / Meet the Teacher 9:00-10:00 am

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Free Lunches will be provided this year to any student that would like to eat at school. However students may bring a healthy (low sugar lunch) if they would like.

Summer Packets = Eagle Rewards

Did your child bring home a summer packet to keep their skills sharp over the break? We hope they had fun practicing and staying brain-strong all summer long!



If your child completed their packet, make sure they **bring it back on the first day of school** to collect a prize. These students will also be entered into a **special prize drawing** for a chance to win an **awesome Eagle reward**! Let's celebrate their effort, dedication, and love of learning!

Let's make this a year of believing in potential, belonging to something meaningful, and becoming all we are meant to be—together.

With great enthusiasm,

Rebecca Taylor

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