

# Emerson Eaglet

August, 2018



## Principle's Welcome

Can you believe that is back-to-school time already? This summer has flown right by! I hope that all of you had a chance to spend time with family and friends, rejuvenate, and prepare for an amazing year.

We welcome the following new faculty members to Emerson-Team Awesome: Miss DeMille - kindergarten, Mrs. Jepsen - half-day kindergarten, Ms. Oland-Wong - IP third grade, Mrs. Kinne - second grade, and Mr. Aragon - 3rd/4th grade behavior support. Each of them will be positive additions to the Emerson team. Give them a high-five when you see them in the halls and welcome them to Emerson.

The faculty and community council collaboratively established three-year priorities for the Emerson excellence and equity plan (EEP). The next step is to write semester SMART goals that will address school-wide achievement, opportunity gaps, and promote a positive school culture. Achievement of short-term SMART goals, over time, will help Emerson bring our three-year priorities to life.

I look forward to seeing you at the Emerson back-to-school open house. It is a time for all of us to reconnect and get ready for our next amazing adventure! I am honored to be a part of the Emerson team and serve as your principal.

Ms. Reynolds

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## Back to School Night and PTA Barbeque

Emerson School is hosting an open house that will take place on August 16th from 6:00-7:30. It is a informal evening. Parents are invited to drop-in to teachers' classrooms to meet the teacher, receive a copy of the open disclosure, and ask any questions as needed.

The Emerson PTA will be hosting a BBQ outside to support our community and provide space for families to meet and children to reunite after the long summer. Pick up an Emerson t-shirt. This year's design was drawn and generously provided by [Marla Lepe of Arte Prmero](#).

## Calendar

Aug 16th - Back to school 6-7:30  
Aug 20th - First Day of School  
Sept 3rd - No school  
Sept 5th - PTA meeting  
Sept 21st - Walk-a-thon (am)  
Sept 27th - 1/2-day of school  
Sept 28th - no school  
Oct 3rd - PTA meeting  
Oct 8th - Fall picture day  
Oct 11th - Vision Screening  
Oct 15 - 16th - SEP conferences  
Oct 15 - 17th - Book Fair  
Oct 16th - 17th - 1/2 day school  
Oct 18th - 22nd - No School (UEA)



## Find out where it's @

Sign up for the PTA mailing list. Send a "subscribe" email to [emerson.pta01@gmail.com](mailto:emerson.pta01@gmail.com). Find info online [emersonptasc.org](http://emersonptasc.org)

## New Emerson Staff



### Lindsay Kinne - 2nd grade

I grew up in a family of educators so my passion for education started at a very young age. I graduated from Westminster College with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. After teaching for a few years, I went back to school and received my master's degree in Elementary

School Administration. This is my 13th year as a teacher. I taught 1st grade for nine years and 2nd grade for four years. I have been married for nine years to my husband, Jason. We do not have any children, but we do have two "fur-babies", a dalmatian/border collie mix named Madison, and a pug puppy named Louie. I am really excited to be a part of Emerson and it's fabulous community!



### Mary Lou Oland-Wong 3rd grade in the International Pathways program.

I have lived in Utah since 1989. I grew up in a small town in North Dakota and came to Utah for the skiing. I learned Spanish 26 years ago when I moved to Colombia as a teacher. I am married and have 2 children.

My oldest is heading off to college this fall and my youngest is in High School. When I am not working you can find me hiking the Wasatch Mountains, fly-fishing or paddle boarding with my family. I love teaching in English and Spanish and I am thrilled to be joining the Emerson Community.



### Alex Demille - Kindergarten

Hi! I am so excited to be a part of the Emerson community. I graduated from the University of Utah and have been teaching for 5 years. I am an avid learner and reader and strive to build a classroom community that encourages my students to also love learning and reading. In fact, I love reading so much that I

also work in a bookstore just so I can be surrounded by books. I am an animal lover; I have three dogs, two chinchillas, and one cat. I enjoy taking my dogs hiking, riding my bike, and spending time with my family and friends. I am looking forward to meeting my new Kindergarten class and the new year!



### Terry Aragon - 3rd/4th behavioural support

I graduated from the University of Utah in 2011 in Special Education: Mild/Moderate. I worked at both a H.S. and elementary SPED setting for four years at Provo School District.

I started working for Breathe Utah's education program educating students on pollution and prevention in 2016. I've visited over 20,000 kids in Salt Lake Valley! I just celebrated my 12th anniversary and have 3 kids: Evan (10), Kylee (8) and Maddie (5). My kids will be attending with me and are excited to be part of Emerson culture. I'm originally from Payson, UT. Go Utes!



### Monique Jepsen - Kindergarten

I am excited to be teaching kindergarten at Emerson! I'd like to tell you a little bit about myself. I grew up in Tenafly, New Jersey, and attended Bucknell University in Pennsylvania. I have a degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Sociology. I started my teaching career here in Salt Lake City, and have had the pleasure of teaching kindergarten, second, fifth, and sixth grade. I currently live in Salt Lake City with my husband and our two children. I feel especially lucky to be working with kindergarteners, as young students inspire and challenge me to keep growing as a teacher.

## Walk-a-thon Fundraiser

Early in the fall the PTA will hold a Walk-a-thon. We combine a beautiful day, some exercise and funky music with an attempt to have everyone within our school community come together to raise money for Emerson. While donations per child and classroom will vary considerably, we have asked that students attempt to raise funds approximately equal to our budget divided by our student population. ~\$40 per student. Obviously, with more money we can do more - last year individual donations allowed us to support new iPads for the library technology course. But we want this to be a reachable goal for all of our diverse students. There are no fundraising requirements in order to take part in our walk-a-thon morning.

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### Sound the Bell! (School Drop Off)

The first bell sounds at 7:55am and signals entrance to the school for all children. A second bell at 8am signals the time students should be in their classrooms ready to learn.

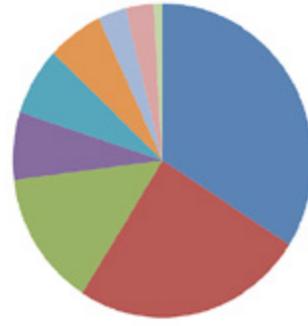
Traffic around the school can be hectic in the mornings. Consider walking, biking or carpooling if possible. Parking further down a side street and walking that last few hundred feet also feels more down to earth and allows you to walk your child into the building directly - even before the 7:55am bell.

Unattended children are not allowed in the main halls prior to 7:55am. If you do drop children off at the (unsupervised) playgrounds please remind them to stay outside the school.

Children can be dropped off by the cafeteria doors **anytime after 7:30am** and can enter, stay warm and have breakfast.



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### How does the money return to our school

34% Classroom Grant money  
25% Yearbook (free to all students)  
14% Family Nights and School events  
7% Teacher appreciation  
6% 6th Grade Promotion and Physics day  
3% Advertising costs for fundraisers and book fairs  
3% Student incentives for Positive Incentive Behavior System (PIBS).  
1% School Events (Dia de los muertos, Art Night, Reflections Contest, Wellness Month Insurance, Postage & Copies)

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### Lost and Found

Students who find lost articles are asked to take them to the office or place them in the Lost & Found Bins located in the main hall next to the cafeteria. If your student is missing an item, first have them check the Lost and Found Bins and if not there, check with the office. Please make sure to label your student's clothes, books, lunch boxes etc.

### School Visitors

All visitors, parents and guardians are required to sign in with the office when you are in school. Please stop by the office to sign in and receive a visitor badge.