Principal’s Message

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, I reflect on all of the things that I have to celebrate at Emerson.

I am thankful for Emerson’s Multicultural Parent Group for coordinating our 8th annual Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration. This year’s Day of the Dead celebration included amazing altars, nichos, art, food, crafts, dancing, and face painting. So many members of our community attended the event and helped us celebrate. I am thankful for our business partners who donated food, craft supplies, and their time to make this celebration such a success.

I am thankful for the Emerson community. It is all of our amazing and generous parents, guardians, and community members that create such a rich and diverse community. Emerson is participating in our annual food drive through November 17th. A theme here at Emerson is to “pay it forward” and the food drive is one way that the Emerson community can make a difference for needy families in Salt Lake City.

I am thankful for the amazing faculty and staff with whom I work each day. As I visit classrooms, I am so impressed by the effective teaching practices and the care for students I see from all of our professionals. I am so lucky to work with each of them. Finally, I am thankful for our students. They are the reason we are all here...they are our purpose. I find each of them special and inspiring in their own way. It is easy to keep a focus on kids. All I have to do is look at their faces each day.

Happy Thanksgiving!
--Ms Reynolds
Reflections Art Contest
PTA Reflections is a nationally acclaimed student recognition program to encourage artistic creativity in the classroom and at home. Students of all grades and abilities may participate and explore the arts based on the 2017-2018 theme: Within Reach. Submissions in a variety of different categories are due November 13th. More information will come home in your child’s folder, or check www.pta.org/reflections
Contact Kristin Bayles

Emerson Eagles Use STOP, WALK, TALK to Prevent Bullying
Emerson’s staff and students each do their part to make our school a respectful, responsible, and safe place to learn and grow. Students are taught the STOP, WALK, and TALK Prevention Program to help put a stop to bullying and disrespectful behavior.

If a student has a problem with another student, they are encouraged to show a stop signal and say “STOP” in a firm and serious voice. Students are taught to WALK away or ignore the disrespectful behavior. Finally, students need to TALK to a trusted adult if the problem continues. One important exception to the STOP, WALK, and TALK sequence is when a student is in danger (i.e. falling on the playground or fighting). In this case, students are taught to immediately tell an adult.

By encouraging students to use STOP, WALK, and TALK, we hope kids feel like they have the tools to deal with bullying situations and feel safe at school.

Food Collection
Emerson will hold a food drive starting November 13th. Help Emerson help the greater community by donating food to the Utah Food Bank. Last year Emerson donated more food than any other elementary school in SLC! Your bold actions and good deeds are highly appreciated.
Enjoy these pictures of our Emerson Halloween Parade.

Please join the PTA.
The PTA is an organization benefitting the children of Emerson and we need your participation to make it work.

Step 1) Sign up for the email list. (email emersonpta01@gmail.com)
Step 2) Visit https://www.emersonptaslc.org/ and “get involved” by paying national PTA dues ($10/couple, $5/single)

3) Head the call for volunteers, specific needs, but above all, join us for PTA-sponsored events.
Together we are the PTA – bringing supplemental financial support, extracurricular artistic, cultural and physical activities to all Emerson students.
Dia de Los Muertos  Day of the Dead
November 3rd, 5 - 8pm

Day of the Dead (Día de Muertos) is a holiday celebrated throughout Mexico, in particular the Central and South regions, and by people of Mexican ancestry living in other places, especially the United States. The multi-day holiday focuses on gatherings of family and friends to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died, and help support their spiritual journey. Scholars trace the origins of the modern Mexican holiday to indigenous observances dating back hundreds of years and to an Aztec festival dedicated to the goddess, Mictecacihuatl. Prior to Spanish colonization in the 16th century, the celebration took place at the beginning of summer.

Gradually, it was associated with October 31, November 1 and November 2 to coincide with the Western Christian triduum of Allhallowtide: All Saints’ Eve, All Saints’ Day, and All Souls’ Day. The holiday has spread throughout the world, being absorbed within other deep traditions for honoring the dead. The Mexican government has introduced this holiday as a unifying national tradition based on indigenous traditions and incorporated it into educational policies from the 1960s. Traditions connected with the holiday include building private altars called ofrendas, honoring the deceased using calaveras, aztec marigolds, and the favorite foods and beverages of the depart-