Principal’s Message

Emerson has partnered with the Utah Grizzlies hockey team. When you purchase tickets for the Utah Grizzlies game on January 26th, you will receive a discounted price and Emerson will receive 30% of each ticket purchased. Look for the informational flyer that will arrive through school messenger. I look forward to seeing you in the Emerson section when the puck drops at the Maverick Center!

You may have noticed that Emerson is once again participating in our snowball gift giving drive. Each snowball posted on the bulletin board outside our office represents a gift for a child in need. If you wish to participate in this gift giving drive, simply take a snowball, purchase and wrap the gift, and bring it to the Emerson office. We will deliver the gifts to our identified families.

As we prepare to leave for winter break, I want to thank the Emerson community for the many acts of caring that you show our school. I hope you enjoy the holiday season with family and friends. It is those relationships that make this season so special. I wish our community of students, families, faculty, and staff a joyful and relaxing holiday season.

Happy New Year!
Ms. Reynolds

Zuppas Night was another big success for the PTA. Many hungry tummies were filled with nutritious and delicious dinners and the PTA will receive over $400 in support from Zuppas. Thanks for everyone for participating. THANKS! ZUPPAS!

Find out where it’s @
Sign up for the PTA mailing list. Send a “subscribe” email to emerson.pta01@gmail.com

Email articles and pictures to the Eaglet suninsaltlake@gmail.com

Membership drive going on now. Join the PTA for $10/couple, $5 single
Find info online emersonptaslc.org
The Reflections Art Contest was a huge success. Over 90 students submitted artwork based on the “Within Reach” theme. 30 children were awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons. The following children’s art will progress to the district art show in January. Thank you to everyone who participated and to Kristen Bayles who organized the event for PTA this year.

Film Production
Eden Householder
William Smith

Literature
Julia Morris

3D Visual Arts
Karol Lopez
Grant Eliason

Music Composition
Ella Swenson

Photography
Mary Stoddart

Visual Arts
Astrid Ostling
Lillian Phillips
Sarah Morriss

Dear homeowners,

You may think that lead poisoning isn’t a problem anymore, but it is and you could be poisoned right now, especially if you live or work in a building that was built before 1978. Lead is a poisonous metal that is common in water and old paint and if you drink it or breath it in you can get lead poisoning. I am going to tell you about lead in your homes and how you can stop it.

The problem that home owners are facing is that lead is in home and they are exposed. And to make matters worse according to the Chicago Tribune “National and state leaders have stopped spending as much money on things like screening children, inspecting buildings and getting rid of lead”. In other words, there is going to be less money for testing homes for lead. That means that people are going to continue to get lead poisoning.

Salt Lake County will test your house for lead if you ask them though. You could ask them by going to this site http://slco.org/lead-safe-housing/qualify-for-free-services/ on your computer and filling out an application about getting your house tested for lead. If you have a house built before 1978 you should test your house for lead. You can also test your home yourself. If you have a child or baby I do encourage getting your home tested for lead. This way you can save your family from getting lead poisoning.

I hope you found this letter useful. Again, I really encourage you to get your home tested for lead because it causes a sickness that is very bad for you.

Sincerely,
Luke Van Dansie
PTA news:
This past month we discussed teacher appreciation and retention. We treasure our staff and encourage all of you to remind your teachers how much their time is worth to you.

We also discussed the need for several new iPads for the library technology class. The new Apps won't run on our older iPads. We will be writing a grant to try to raise money to supplement donations and school funds. If you know a company or individual who might be interested in supporting our cause please contact the PTA.
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December and January SCC meetings
Just a quick reminder that our December SCC meeting will be at the Emerson Library on Wednesday December 13 at 5:30 PM. Our January meeting is going to be pushed back a week since the PTA is also meeting January 10. The January SCC meeting will be Wednesday January 17, at 5:30 PM in the Emerson Library.

ME Club
Earlier this month, 19 students were rewarded with a pizza lunch. These students received a ME Club ticket for following the school-wide expectations. Emerson Eagles try to be RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and SAFE. They also LISTEN, LEARN, and CARE. When a student earns a ME club ticket, someone from the school contacts home to share the good news. ME Club ticket recipients also pick a random number for the name board. When the board gets 10 names in a row, those students get a party. For this pizza party, we had two rows of winners. Great job students and keep up the great work.

Veteran’s Day Performance by the third grade.
This is our second year in a row that we, as a third-grade team, have honored our past and present Veterans. We perform military and patriotic songs which Ms. Musick has taught to the students. We also have a slide show presentation which shows photos of family members who have served in the military. This is a very emotional and moving slide show which instills in our children the importance and sacrifice our veterans make on our behalf.

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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-