Principal’s Message

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

I am thankful for Emerson’s Multicultural Parent Group, especially Su-yin Chong, for coordinating our 9th annual Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration. The Day of the Dead celebration included altars, nichos, art, food, crafts, dancing, and face painting. Thank you to all of the Emerson community members who attended the event and helped us celebrate. I am thankful for our business partners, Rico Brand, Flores Bakery, and Art First Arte Primero 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. Thank you for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair, Emerson Community Garden clean-up, Halloween parade, and our annual food drive. You make such a difference in our school.

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. It is easy to keep a focus on kids. All I have to do is look at their faces each day!

Happy Thanksgiving.

Book Fair

GNOME WAY!!! Once again our Fairy Amazing Emerson Community made the “Enchanted Forest” Book Fair a huge success with Book Sales of $10,315.90 and “All For Books” donations of $477.08. Ms. Nelson’s wishes came true and she will use all profits/proceeds to enhance her spellbinding library. Thanks to all for stopping in to help inspire the love of reading in our children... also a huge shout out to all who graciously volunteered their time to make this event so success-

Veteran’s Day Assembly.

In honor of our local veterans, and as part of their civic study of our national arms forces, the combined third grade classes will be performing a musical celebration on November 12th at 8:10 am in the Emerson gym. All third-grade parents, grandparents and veterans are invited.

Calendar

November
7 - PTA meeting (6:30 library)
9 – Rico Friday
9 – Reflections entries due
14 – make-up Pictures
14 – SCC meeting 5:30 library
21-23 No School

December
5 – PTA meeting 6:30
7 – Rico Friday
7 – Report cards
12 – SCC meeting 5:30

Morning Volunteer Program

The school is looking for volunteers to monitor the early morning cafeteria location. Children are encouraged to stay warm and have breakfast on cold mornings by entering the school at the cafeteria west door as early as 7:30. As more kids will come in, more adult supervision is necessary. Training for volunteers will take place Nov. 8th at 7:30am. We are asking for two volunteers between 7:30-8:30, and for a third volunteer to swing by the cafeteria at 8am to help put away the unused food and help clear of cafeteria tables. If anyone has any questions they can email/text/call at Colonae (801) 673-6789 or colonae@gmail.com. Click here to Sign Up.
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Reflections
PTA sponsored Art contest.

Entries are due on November 9th for this year's Reflections Art Contest. Look for the submissions to be displayed in the library and around the school. Judging will take place mid-month. This year's theme is the “Hero’s around me.”

Ms. Holden's third graders attended a field trip to Wasatch Community Garden, on October 4th,

When we arrived, we learned about living and nonliving science concepts, chickens, aquifers and harvesting carrots. We later made humus from the garden and ate the carrots we had harvested. At the end, students were given a reflection time to experience the garden and be inspired by it. Many students drew great pictures and Owen was very thoughtful about a squash and wrote a poem about it. We took these reflections back to Emerson and wrote in our science journals about the knowledge we gained by going to the garden. Students loved this trip. Thank you, PTA, for providing funding for transportation. We could not have gone without your assistance.

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Early in October, third grade students wrote words on balloons like, poor manners, impolite, bullying, disrespect etc. and then we tied those balloons to our ankles and went outside and had a STOMP OUT. Students ran around stomping out those behaviors that we don’t want to have in our school. It was tons of fun and another character education activity to build positive relationships between the classes.

Third grade also attended the October 25th Ballet West Student In-Theater presentation of Beauty and the Beast. This lively and entertaining performance provided proof that there’s more than one way to help our children understand how and why a classic fairy tale becomes a "classic". Thank you to the SLCSD for providing the funding for this trip. We loved the wonderful very close to the stage seating.

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October 31st, all four second grade classes had the chance to go to the U of U to watch the Utah women's basketball team play against Westminster College.

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Can you believe we harvested over **800 pounds** from our school garden in 2018?!? A huge thanks to everyone who came out to tuck the garden in for its long winter’s nap! We hope your garden at home is all tucked in, too; or maybe you’re even ready for winter harvests by using season extenders like cold frames or hoop houses? We’d love to hear about your gardening successes, and the lessons you’ve learned, too.

Here are few tips and friendly reminders to get your garden all ready for winter: 1. Prep your beds by removing all spent plants - you can "chop and drop," which means you cut plants off level with the soil and leave the roots to decompose in the soil (naturally tilling your soil and creating tunnels and habitats for your worms!). Only "chop and drop" if your plants were disease free all season; if you suffered any disease it is best to send the whole plant to the landfill (not compost) to prevent disease next year. 2. Cover soil with straw (not hay!) to prevent weed seeds from settling in your soil, and to provide winter habitat for wanted garden predators such as ladybugs and praying mantis. 3. Disconnect and blow out your irrigation lines, and 4. Clean your tools!

We’re still looking for a volunteer to host Open Garden Recess (as little as one day per week!) as well as a new garden steward to lead us to growing greatness, so if you’re interested please contact Principal Reynolds at april.reynolds@slcschools.org and/or the garden directly at emersongarden@hotmail.com. You can also check out what’s happening in the garden on Instagram @emersongarden1 (you don’t have to have an Instagram account! Simply search "emersongarden1 Instagram" and click on each picture to see the notes and comments!). Happy Growing!
We still have a need for a new Food Recovery Coordinator. For the past two years the PTA and SCC have supported a food recovery program inside Emerson. Unopened milk, fruit and sides have been recovered from the lunchroom. This food is donated to the Crossroads Urban Center. Work by volunteers and students has recovered 9,337 items totaling 1,945 meals and saving 1,167 lbs of CO2 landfill production. Please let us know if you value this program and can help a few hours on Friday afternoons. Emerson.pta01@gmail.com

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. During the month of October, students are taught the STOP, WALK, and TALK Prevention Program.

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 some tips and tricks to help put a stop to bullying and disrespectful behavior.

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Dia de los Muertos
Thanks to everyone who participated. This multicultural event is just one of the great things about Emerson Elementary School!