

Emerson Eaglet

December, 2018



Principal's Message

As we engage in this holiday season, I would like to thank the Emerson community for the many acts of caring that you have shown our school. **Generous contributions from our school community filled twelve barrels of food that was donated to the Utah food Bank.** This food will feed needy families during the holiday season. **Thank you!** 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 students. Gifts have already been rolling into the office. Thank you! I appreciate the many volunteers that work in our building. Through the work you do, each of you make a difference for teachers and kids. Thank you! May each of you enjoy this holiday season with family and friends. It is those relationships that make this season so special. Wishing the Emerson community of students, families, faculty, and staff a joyful and relaxing holiday season.

Ms. Reynolds

NOTE: As of Dec 3rd all the snowballs had been selected for donation. Thank you so much for your generosity.



Science Fair and STEM night is coming

On **January 15th** we'll celebrate facts through chemistry, physics, botany and biology, math and wonder at all things real. The 4th – 6th graders will be presenting their science projects in the gym. The third graders will be presenting their Simple Machine projects in the classrooms. Everyone can expand their knowledgebase by joining our community partners in the hallways and cafeteria. Find math games, catapults and astrophysics all here at Emerson. Take this opportunity to support your child and their peers in gaining knowledge and having fun. **Volunteers are needed** to judge the science fair, staff some game tables or just help organize – please email emersonpta01@gmail.com

Calendar

December

- 5 – PTA meeting 6:30
- 7 – Rico Friday
- 7 – Report cards
- 12 – SCC meeting 5:30
- 17 – DIBELS testing
- 21 – normal ½ day
- Dec 24-Jan 4th Winter Break

January

- 9 – PTA meeting 6:30
- 11 – RICO Friday
- 15 – Science Fair/ STEM night
- 16 – SCC meeting 5:30
- 17 – short day schedule
- 18 – 21 – no school



Morning Volunteer Program

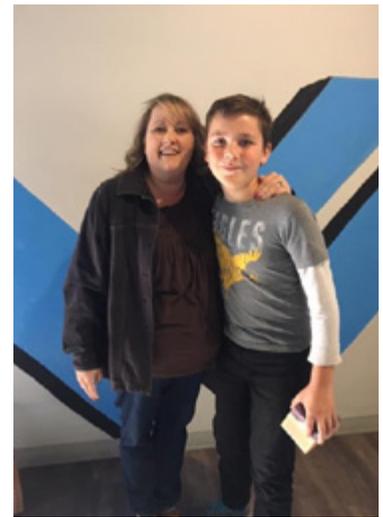
The school is looking for volunteers to monitor the early morning cafeteria location. Children are encouraged to stay warm and have breakfast on cold mornings by entering the school at the cafeteria west door as early as 7:30. As more kids will come in, more adult supervision is necessary. If anyone has any questions they can email/text/call at Colonae (801) 673-6789 or colonae@gmail.com. **Volunteer!**

Veteran's Day Assembly.



Math Matters!

On November 10, 2018, 19 students from the 5th and 6th grade IP classes competed in the **Mathmatters Competition at the Beehive Science and engineering Academy in Sandy, Utah**. Mathmatters consists of 15 math problems that must be solved in 30 minutes. All answers are integers between 0 and 9. Students had a lot of fun competing and interacting with students from all over the Salt Lake Valley. There were 357 5th and 6th graders that competed and Emerson's own **Lane Hardman placed 7th overall**. Congratulations Lane!



Emerson Garden

Hello from the school garden! As winter approaches, the garden is resting, the worms are working hard in the soil beneath the straw, and our friends the ladybugs and praying mantis have (hopefully) found a safe place to winter over. But that doesn't mean we're resting, too! The garden committee is working hard to develop plans for spring. So please start thinking about what kind of garden YOU want to grow ... a pizza garden? or maybe a flower garden? root veggies? salsa? pesto? Day of the Dead? dye-ing plants? a square foot garden? vertical gardening? maybe you'd like to recreate a method of gardening used by Native Americans and plant a Three-Sisters Garden? or a pollinator garden? or even investigate links between mythology and gardening? All of these – and more! – are possible! **So start thinking about what you'd like to experience in the Emerson Elementary School Garden this spring.** Details of how we can make this happen will be coming to your teachers after the Science Fair! Until then, please continue to follow the school garden on Instagram @emersongarden1 (remember: you don't have to have an Instagram account to look at the pictures! Just search "emersongarden1 instagram" and click on the thumbnail pics to read the comments). We're also still looking for a Garden Coordinator as well as volunteers to supervise Open Garden Recess so if you're interested please contact us at emersongarden@hotmail.com or via Principal Reynolds at April.Reynolds@slcschools.org. And if anyone is submitting a Science Fair project related to gardening we'd love to hear about it (and even offer to help if you need any!). Happy gardening!



Food Recovery Program

Through the Emerson Food Recovery Program, our students have shared 3,797 food items (such as apples, milk, carrots and cheese) since the beginning of the school year. **That's 1,322.38 lbs of food that has been kept out of the trash and put into the hands of those in need!** Please encourage your child to add unwanted items to the food sharing table after lunch instead of putting them in the garbage bin. **We need parent help** each Friday to count, collect, and deliver the food to the Crossroads Urban Center. Please see our sign up to help support this program: <http://signup.com/go/Gu-KOCnx> or Emerson.pta01@gmail.com



Donations to the Emerson PTA can be made online through PayPal. Help us support the school, the teachers and the kids. Click the image.