

Emerson Eaglet

March, 2019



Principal's Message

It is kindergarten time! We are looking for kindergarten students who live in the Emerson boundaries. Please call the Emerson office and inform us if you have a child who will be attending kindergarten next fall. Pass the word to your neighbors who have young children, as well. **The kindergarten orientation and registration is scheduled for Friday, April 5th at 1:00.** We look forward to seeing you there.

March is health and wellness month at Emerson. Thank you to the Emerson PTA who have created a healthy lifestyles calendar for each student. We will be announcing daily activities from the calendar over the PA and students will complete each of the daily activities on the health and wellness calendar and submit the completed calendar for a special recognition at the end of the month. Let's all commit to living a healthier lifestyle!

Emerson's annual Arts Festival is scheduled for Thursday, April 18th from 5:00-8:00. The talent show performance will take place from 6:00-7:00. Watch for more information coming home regarding this exciting event. Proceeds from the Arts Festival help fund our outstanding art instruction at Emerson.

The support and contributions from teachers, staff, parents, and community members of Emerson creates a wonderful learning environment for students. I want you to know how much I enjoy working with the Emerson school community. It is truly a privilege to serve as your principal.

Wishing each of you an awesome spring break. Yes, spring is right around the corner!

- Ms Reynolds

Book Fair

YABBA DABBA DO!!! Once again our Incredible Emerson Community made the "DINO-MITE" Book Fair a **huge success with record book sales and "All For Books" donations.** Your support has made Ms. Nelson's dreams come true and she will use all our generous profits/proceeds to enhance her spellbinding library. Thanks to all for stopping in to inspire the love of reading in our children... also a huge shout out to all who graciously volunteered their time to make this event another GINOR-MOUS success!! Happy Reading!



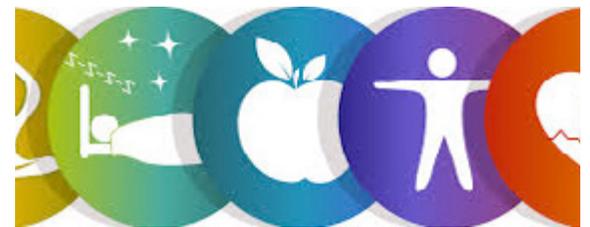
Calendar

March

- 1 - No school
- 6 - PTA meeting 6:30
- 8 - Friday Ricos
- 13 - SCC meeting 5:30
- 20 - Hearing test make-ups
- 21 - Movie Night 5:30 SING!
- 22 - report cards
- 25-29 - Spring Break

April

- 3 - PTA meeting 6:30
- 5 - Friday Ricos
- 10 - SCC meeting 5:30
- 18 - Arts Festival and Talent show
- 25 - short day schedule
- 26 - no school
- 29 - DIBELS testing



Health and Wellness Month

March is Health and Wellness month. We will be handing out a "**Healthy Passport**" which has 24 items to check off - the kids will be able to check off 1 or 2 or 3 per day. **If they check off all 24, they will get FREE ENTRY into the FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT on Thursday March 21st at EMERSON.** Some of the topics include being healthier like eating well, exercising, limiting electronics, good sleep habits, and flossing your teeth. There will be a Health and Wellness Educational Bulletin Board in the entry hallway of school which will have four topics discussing the "WHY" and "WHAT": Hydration, sleep, nutrition

Library Science

Have you ever wondered what your students do during library rotation? Library time is full of books, technology and learning. All classes hear stories and enjoy different types of literature, students explore the library and pick new books and students learn and use technology.

1st grade– creates “All About Me” books using PowerPoint. Students first write the book by hand using sentence prompts. They learn the PowerPoint program, write a complex sentence, add images, draw a picture of themselves using the “paint” program and then print the books to take home. Yikes– it is a lot of work but worth it!

2nd grade– learn “Word” and learn how to increase font size, change font, what the “enter” key does, add images, move/delete images, and how to split the computer screen to work on two items at once. They create “What am I” riddles by reading nonfiction text from Utah’s Online Library.

3rd grade- learn about the Emerson’s library and how libraries are organized. By the end of 3rd grade, students should understand that nonfiction books are organized by topics and a little about the Dewey Decimal system. They will know that picture books and fiction books are organized by the author’s last name. Students create PowerPoints and use digital cameras to document where to find books of interest to them in the library.

4th grade- are using a digital tool called Nearpod to explore digital citizenship and their roles and responsibilities. They have learned about the using keywords when searching the internet, creating sage passwords, and the power of words online. As the year continues, they will continue learning what it means to be digital citizen.

5th-6th grade- have a shortened library time in order to accommodate research. The older students enjoy sitting back and listening to the stories. They pick new books and if there is time a quick update, lesson or demonstration about creating the broadcast.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - SAVE THE DATE

March 21, 2019 5:30PM-7:30PM

Our final event of Health and Wellness Month is Family Movie Night! We will be watching SING! Tickets are \$1 or bring your completed Health and Wellness Month passport and get free admission. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Local Karate Champion.

Emerson First Grader, Thora Hernandez, represented Utah in the USA National Karate Championship Tournament on Feb. 15th in Arizona. She won 2 gold medals and will be competing in April at the International Karate Championship Tournament. Congratulations to Thora and good luck in April!



Emerson Yearbook.

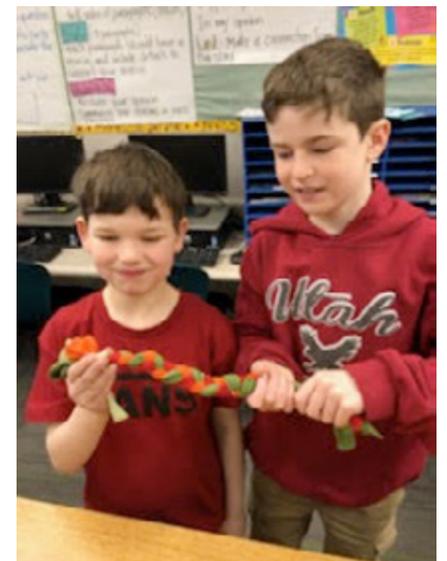
Every spring the Emerson Yearbook fills mailboxes and delights students. **The 2018-2019 Emerson School Yearbook needs your help. Do you have photos that occurred on school campus or on a school fieldtrip?** Donate photos by emailing to amanda.roberson@slcschools.org or Roxann, bennett-bridge@comcast.net.

The PTA uses some of your Walk-a-thon donations to create and pay for a school yearbook as part of our purpose to create a vibrant community. The yearbook is the largest single expenditure of the PTA accounting for 25% of our resources. While this year the yearbook will again be funded in full by PTA resources, donations this year were insufficient to meet our full fundraising goals. **The PTA is considering collecting specific donations towards yearbook costs in future years.** Comments, support or concerns can be voiced to emersonpta01@gmail.com.

News from the School Garden:

Thank you to every student who participated in the first ever Emerson Elementary School Garden Mystery. Watch the Broadcast on Friday to find out if you submitted the correct answer! Prizes will be awarded. Don't worry if you missed this Garden Mystery because there's another mystery coming soon! **Keep an eye on the School Garden bulletin board outside the cafeteria.** You might not believe it, but spring is in the air! Please mark your calendar for a **spring garden party clean-up on Saturday, March 16, 2019.** We will work hard to ready the garden for the 2019 growing season, and of course we'll have fun doing it!

Finally, **we are still looking for a new Garden Steward** as well as volunteers to host open garden recess. If you think you might be interested in these garden volunteer opportunities, please contact Principal Reynolds or send questions directly to the current Garden Steward at emersongarden@hotmail.com . And check out the garden on Instagram [@emersongarden1](https://www.instagram.com/emersongarden1). Happy Gardening!



Service Learning in 5th grade

Students in Mrs. Pelton's 5th grade are not only spending their time learning but also practicing ways to help their community. Throughout this school year service learning concepts have been taught.

In trimester one, students discussed ways to help themselves and the people they have contact with. Students practiced random acts of kindness and were set up with classroom buddies that they have met with weekly throughout the school year. This idea of helping myself and others then reached into our community. Students have been working with their 2nd grade buddies in Ms. Cologna class to help the Best Friend's Animal Shelter in Sugarhouse. Students brought in old T-shirts and braided them together to make toys for the dogs. Students had fun making dog toys and are going to make some toys for the cats in the future. They will extend their service to a global issue during our last trimester and plan to earn money to help Refugees.



SEP DINNER SUCCESS

During SEP Conferences, Emerson PTA Provides dinner to our hard-working faculty and staff. A special **THANK YOU** to the individuals who donated time, money and food to make the October and February SEP Dinners a success:

Allison Beatty, Allison Nicholson, Amanda Rupke, April Diaz, Aruna Seerapu, Becky Householder, Beth Jennings, Brian Jackman, Candace Garcia, Carissa Monroy, Carla Zumbado, Carrie Koorring, Daphne Perry, Emily Pilstl, Erika Puga, Hayley Hammond, Heather Averett, Heather Khader, Ingrid Martinez, Jamie Gregersen, Jen Horowitz, Jessa Rather, Justine Thorn, Kersten Swinyard, Kimberly Venable, Kristen Bayles, Kyle LaMalfa, Lisa Dunn, Marion Davis, Mark Eliason, Melanie Francis,



Talking to Your Child about 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.

At times it can be challenging to know what to do or say when a child talks about bullying. Some things to consider to listen, reassure, ask, and contact the school. Calmly listen to your child as they tell you the full story. A calm response is important in order to give the child the time and space to tell you their experience. Reassure your child they are not to blame. Simply saying, "That sounds really hard to deal with" or "I'm glad you told me" are ways to help kids feel validated. Also, discuss with your child the next steps to take. Asking what their thoughts are on how to proceed helps children feel included in the solution.

Emerson aims to create a safe and welcoming community. If you feel your child (or someone they know) is being bullied, please contact the school. It is important to let the child's teacher, counselor, and/or principal know so the school can take action to help improve the situation. If you would like more information on the information provided please visit www.stopbullying.gov for additional resources.

