Principal’s Message

Welcome back to school! I want to send a message of gratitude to everyone in the Emerson community. This has definitely been a crazy beginning of the school year, not only with a global pandemic, but with a weeklong power outage to boot! We are sorry about the delay and so happy to finally see students in our virtual classrooms. Thank you for your flexibility as we faced these challenges together.

The Emerson school community council (SCC) is looking for parent representatives for the council. This group meets monthly and focuses on ways to support the initiatives on which Emerson is working, assists in defining the focus of the annual School Land Trust Plan, and provides input on how to make Emerson better for our students. If you are interested in serving on the SCC, please email me. Elections will take place in the next two weeks.

Our fall SEP conferences will be taking place remotely on October 7th and 8th. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child’s teacher, review their progress, and set student goals for the year. Our teachers are looking forward to meeting with you and your student during your scheduled conference. Although this year is very different, the Emerson PTA is still going strong! They continue to be creative in maintaining Emerson traditions and supporting our teachers’ work in their classrooms. Watch for PTA sponsored events and contribute and volunteer as you are able. We are all working together to provide as much normalcy as possible for our kids. Thank you, Emerson PTA!

Finally, thank you to all of you who continue to support your student’s education as we engage in remote learning. Taking the time to participate and monitor your student’s work online is so important. Please continue to provide feedback to your student’s teacher and the administration at Emerson. We are always working to get better and to serve our kids in the best way possible. The Emerson community is special, and your support is noticed and appreciated by all of us.

Go Emerson Eagles!
Ms. Reynolds (April.Reynolds@slcschools.org)

Calendar

October 14th – PTA meeting 6:30pm
October 14th – SCC meeting 5:30pm
October 15-16 – fall break
Oct 19-23 - pick up Day of the Dead supplies at the school
Oct 26 - 30 - submit digital Nicho images
Nov 2nd - Nicho contest winner announced

Find out what’s going on at Emerson with the Emerson PTA

Text EMERSON to 33777 to sign up for the PTA contact list. Zoom meetings first Wednesday of every month.

School PTA fundraiser

Keep your eyes open for the upcoming PTA fundraiser. Traditionally called the “Move and Groove,” the PTA fundraiser used to contain a walk-a-thon and dance party on the school field. Like everything this year, no group walk-a-thon but we’ll still need to raise funds to support the school, classrooms and teachers. A GoFundMe page has been setup for donations and this website will not charge any financial transactions fees to non-profits so all of your donations will go directly to the PTA. [https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/move-and-groove-2020](https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/move-and-groove-2020) As an extra incentive the PTA will reward donations of $100 or more with a Emerson Eagle Yard sign.
Book Fair
Even without children in the school, books are still being read, distributed via electronic resources like SORA and EPIC. In addition to these technology resources, each year our library restocks damaged or lost books. The library is the sole recipient of the profit from the PTA sponsored Scholastic Book Fair. Once again, this fall the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to you! Our Virtual fair will run from 10/5 to 10/18. You can support our school, while discovering favorite characters, series, and collections. Orders are delivered right to your doorstep and you can take advantage of Free Shipping on book-only purchases of $25. Please use our Homepage link below to ensure that Emerson gets credit for your purchase. Happy Reading!
https://www.scholastic.com/bf/emersonelementary-school

Reflections
Each year the national PTA sponsors an Art Contest. This year the theme is “I matter because…” Consider talking to your child about how we display emotions and interpretations into our artwork. All kinds of artwork can be submitted from painting, photography, dance or music. The submissions are judged and winners will continue to district and state-wide competition. For more information on this year’s Reflections contest, please visit the website https://www.utahpta.org/reflections. All entries must be submitted on-line no later than Friday, November 13th.

I Matter Because...
2020-2021

Emerson Community Garden:
Emerson has a school/community garden. This year the garden harvested over 600 lbs of produce. Over the summer the garden hosted family “U-pick” sessions. Families came to the garden to help pick, week and care for the garden and then got to take home lots of fabulous produce. In addition, some food was donated to a variety of recipients including Liberty Heights CLC: community Learning Center. Finally, some food ended up in the teachers’ lounge now that some teachers are back in school. The garden has been a teaching tool for classrooms and is directed by Maddie Judge – a part time Emerson staff member developing education content around the garden. Please email Maddie if you want to learn more or donate time to help the garden.

Make a Difference!
Join the Emerson School Community Council
There are open positions on the Emerson School Community Council (SCC). SCC meetings are typically held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM. Members are asked to commit to attending all or most of the meetings. Currently SCC is meeting remotely via Zoom. When we are back in school, the location may rotate between the school library and SLC Library locations.

SCC members help develop a school improvement plan, plan for how School LAND Trust Program monies are spent, and discuss other issues related to the school. Members from all demographic groups and with children in any program (Neighborhood, IP, and Special Education Hub) are encouraged to run. A caregiver/guardian member is elected to serve a 2-year term (school years 2020-21 and 2021-22). Light food, child care, and transportation to meetings may be available if needed.

Email Ms. Reynolds (april.reynolds@slcschools.org) before Wednesday, October 7, 2020 if you would like to be a candidate for the Emerson SCC.

Marigolds for Day of the Dead celebration
Dia de los Muertos

Emerson houses the Districts’ ELP international Pathways students studying in both Spanish and English. Together, this program and the local LatinX community has joined to celebrate Dia de los Muertos. Dia de los Muertos is a traditional Mexican celebration to honor departed relatives and historic personalities. Traditionally held on November 2nd. The celebration incorporates traditional art, music and food.

During the month of October your child will be directed to watch some educational videos produced by parent, Suyin Chong, to help the students understand the holiday and learn how to create traditional artwork. The PTA will support this celebration through production of take-home boxes with the craft supplies to make a Nicho, a skull votive and paper flowers. In a normal year the school would host an evening celebration with food, live music and crafts. The school halls would be decorated with paper flowers and nichos celebrating not only departed family members, but also historic figures. Sometimes a class would use the occasion to focus on a historic event, person or environmental topic and pay homage to their knowledge with a larger class nicho. In each way the students learn about not only a cultural event but also our relationship to history.

This year the nicho competition will be digital with photographs of nichos being uploaded and judged for prizes in collaboration with Artes de Mexico en Utah. We hope all of Emerson participates.

For the Nicho contest kids will need a kid size shoe box wrapped with any color paper or paint, a picture of the person/pet they are honoring and remember, flores (paper or natural ones), clay to make food or items the dead one used to like, a short biography including name, date of birth and death, special memory or accomplishment about this person/pet, multiple decoration like glitter, stickers, pompons, pipe cleaners, tissue paper, etc. If you need help collecting supplies please let us know and we can help you with this.

Need for Volunteers:
The PTA has several openings for leaders to assist with traditional events during the school year. On the board, a vice president, secretary and sub-treasurer learning position is needed. Many additional events need leadership.

- Room Liaisons – each room would benefit from a room liaison to communicate events and activities to the other families in the class. Volunteer to be your class room liaison by emailing Jessica Brock.
- PTA board positions help maintain knowledge within our group.
  - Vice President/President Elect (help plan and delegate)
  - Secretary (take minutes and helps with communications) *email the PTA emerson.pta01@gmail.com
  - Treasurer Elect (be the real treasurer next year)
- Teacher Appreciation – Everyone can help honor and thank your child’s teacher.
- STEM Night – Join our committee to help with a spring STEM night.
- Yearbook – this tradition will probably be canceled this year unless a volunteer is found to spearhead this project.
- Book Fair – join the committee to plan and execute our school library’s biggest fundraiser. This year the book fair is online.

Email suninsaltlake@gmail.com to contribute articles or photos to the Eaglet newsletter.