Principal’s Message

November is a time of giving thanks. Especially this year, it is an opportunity for reflection on the positives that we enjoy in our lives. Certainly, we are faced with many challenges right now, but when looking through a positive lens, there is much to appreciate.

I am thankful for the Emerson PTA. Their work in supporting students and teachers in their classrooms is so valued and appreciated by all of us at Emerson. If you are able, please support the Emerson PTA Move and Groove fundraiser. Your contributions go directly back to classrooms at Emerson. Thank you to Suyin Chong, for coordinating our virtual Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration. Suyin collaborated with Annie Platt (art instructor) and Maddie Judge (garden educator) to create a nicho in a box activity. The Dia de los Muertos tradition lives on because of their collaborative work. We look forward to hosting this celebration face to face next year! The National PTA Reflections contest is underway. The theme this year is I Matter Because… All online entry submissions are due November 13th. Please see detailed information on the Emerson Facebook page [https://www.facebook.com/Emerson ElementarySLCSD] and Emerson PTA website [https://www.emersonptaslc.org/]. We look forward to seeing the creative work of Emerson students!

I am thankful for the diverse Emerson community. Thanks to all of you for attending our SEP conferences and supporting our virtual Scholastic Book Fair. Your continued collaboration with teachers makes a difference for students in our school.

I am thankful for our amazing faculty and staff. I hope you realize the amount of time and energy our teachers put into planning and teaching their online lessons. Their jobs are huge this year! The shift to remote learning has been challenging and their online classrooms have become very public. None of them were trained to be online teachers. They are learners too. When you notice something good happening, let your child’s teacher know about it. They need to hear about the good things they are doing. I am proud of the way they have adjusted and continue to work to improve their remote teaching practices. They are spending countless hours working for your kids. I am most thankful for our students. Kids are the reason we are all here. They are our purpose. I continue to be amazed by their kindness, spirit, and resilience. They make Emerson an awesome place for all of us.

Ms. Reynolds  (April.Reynolds@slcschools.org)

Calendar

Nov 4th – PTA meeting 6:30
Nov 6th - upload photos of nichos
Nov 11th – SCC meeting 5:30
Nov 13th – Deadline for Reflections
Nov 25-27th Thanksgiving break
Dec 6th – PTA meeting 6:30
Dec 13th – SCC meeting 5:30
Dec 22nd – Jan 1st Winter Break

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

Everyone can Move and Groove!
The annual PTA fundraiser is in session and we are moving and grooving our way to a $14,000 school-wide fundraising goal. We have broken this down by grade hoping to raise $2000/grade. Help your grade meet its match by donating today. GoFundMe is not taking financial fees from our non-profit donations so rest assured that your donation will 100% go to help Emerson school, staff and students. [https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/move-and-groove-2020]
Book Fair
Thank you to everyone for supporting our Virtual Book Fair and the Emerson library. Even without children in the school, books are being read distributed via electronic resources like SORA and EPIC. In addition to these technology resources, each year the library restocks damaged or lost books. The library is the sole recipient of the profit from book fair! The recent book fair raised $275 for our library. The link on the Emerson website still works but the profit sharing is just reduced too 2% until our next book fair in the spring. Thanks for supporting Emerson.

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. Encourage your child to watch these educational videos produced by parent, Suyin Chong, to help the students understand the holiday and learn how to create traditional artwork. [https://www.emersonptaslc.org/dia-de-los-muertos](https://www.emersonptaslc.org/dia-de-los-muertos)

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. Supplies will be available on Tuesday Oct 30th. 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. Turn in your submissions on November 6th . We hope all of Emerson participates.

PTA Reflections 2020
Each year for the National PTA Reflections program, over 300,000 students in Pre-K through Grade 12 create original works of art in response to a student-selected theme. This 50+ year-old program helps them explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful in school and in life.

The theme for the 2020-2021 program year is I Matter Because.... Students submit their completed works of art in one or all of the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts.

Our school deadline is Friday, November 13th. All entries must be submitted online this year via our state reflections website. When you first go to the site, you will be asked to create an account with the State PTA. Once registered, you will be able to submit an image of your child’s artwork. Submit entries and review rules for each category here: [Reflections 2020](#)

All participants will receive a certificate and a small thank you prize. Winners in each category will move on to the Region 4 competition in December and will receive special recognition from the PTA.

For additional questions please reach out to Elizabeth Payne via email elizveal@yahoo.com or text 801-330-7251

I Matter Because...
Emerson Partnership with ASCEND

Emerson Elementary is partnering with the ASCEND Team to help increase the well-being of our students! We have all experienced some additional stressors in 2020. ASCEND will be offering virtual supports including social-emotional group counseling, individual therapy, and tips for teachers and parents - all for FREE! Here's how it works:

1. Look for a survey via email or text from school messenger. This survey will help take the “stress temperature” of our student community.
2. Click on the appropriate grade-level link and help each of your Emerson students fill out the brief survey.
3. We will analyze the collective information and create school-wide supports accordingly.
4. We will also reach out to those who indicate they would like more information or support for their family or student’s needs.

The ASCEND Team includes a licensed psychologist and four graduate-level therapists from the University of Utah as well as a behavior specialist and special education teacher from the SLCSD.

Positive Impact

Even without kids at school their attendance, participation and community spirit is being observed. The school behavioral support team would like to recognize students for their good works. Eduard the Eagle has been personally visiting families and congratulating the winners. These images are of kids who are ME Club winners and Students’ of the Week.

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The PTA fundraiser provides funds for each classroom at the teacher’s discretion, supports teacher appreciation though dinners and small gifts of thanks, and supports the school directly through gifts to the community garden for new sun shades, to the school for its LED announcement board, directly to the kids through PE equipment, licenses for literary theater scripts, prizes for reflections art contests and support for STEM enrichments night. We are sensitive to Covid-related hardships across our school community. Please donate what you can, and consider donating for others.

Email suninsaltlake@gmail.com to contribute articles or photos to the Eaglet newsletter.
Hello from the garden! Our growing season is pretty much over and it's time to take out the summer plants to make way for winter. There are lots of ways to get outside and celebrate the season before we're buried in snow!

**Miss Maddie's Favorite Fall Fun:**
- Going for a walk-through crunchy leaves
- Planting garlic in the garden
- Drinking warm apple cider
- Collecting colorful leaves and using a hole punch to make biodegradable confetti (save the punched-out pieces!)
- Tasting different apple varieties and comparing their crunch, tartness/sweetness, and juiciness
- Finding crazy cool seed pods around the neighborhood
- Pausing for a mindful moment and noticing the sounds, smells, and feelings of fall
- Reading while wrapped up in a blanket

Share your fall favorites with us on Instagram (@EmersonGarden1) or via email (EmersonGarden@hotmail.com). We'd love to add your activities to the list! Garden Committee meetings have begun for the 2020-2021 school year. If you're interested in joining the committee, send an email for more information. Happy fall, y'all!