



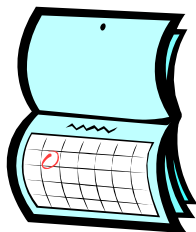
CHALK TALK

EMERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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September 2009

- 2 Parent Information Night
Grades 1-5, 6:30pm
- 3 Kick Off Assembly
- 7 Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
- 8 Fee Slips Sent Home
- 10 Muffins With Mom – 8:15-8:45am
PTO Meeting – 9:15am
- 11 5th Grade to Instruments on Parade
- 15 Community Forum Meeting-LHS
- 21-25 Spare Change Fundraiser
- 23 Market Day Pickup



Access our Chalk Talk online at
www.lakewoodcityschools.org
Click on Emerson, then Newsletters

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The entire staff joins me in welcoming new and returning Emerson families to our building. We subscribe to one simple statement:

*Every Child
Every Day*

We will strive to maximize every child's potential through careful planning, staff teamwork, and community partnership. Together, we will provide an outstanding education for our community. Please continue to demand excellence from yourselves as parents, excellence from your children as students, and excellence from the entire Emerson staff. **In order to maximize the potential of each child, we ask that all students arrive in their classrooms at 8:45 each day.**

You have received a plastic folder that contains our Emerson Family Handbook and the Lakewood School District packet. They are in the "Keep at Home" side of your folder. These outline the school and district policies and procedures. You need to keep these documents at home for your reference. The other side of the folder is labeled "Return to School". These items need to be completed and returned to school as quickly as possible. We will continue to use this folder throughout the school year to foster home/school communication.

All necessary information such as monthly Chalktalks, Family Handbook, and Cafeteria Menus can also be accessed on our webpage at www.lakewoodcityschools.org Click on Emerson.

DISTRICT MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year! We anticipate this year to be a productive, safe and high-achieving one. While the district is facing many challenges due to the current economic climate and continues to monitor its finances very closely, there are also many accomplishments to celebrate. We welcome the opening of the high school's newly renovated west wing, which will give our oldest students a 21st century learning facility to match those of our new and renovated elementary and middle schools. We also are proud to offer full-day kindergarten with a half-day option at all of our elementary schools this year.

The administration, staff and the Board of Education promise to work hard to reach the goals laid out for this academic year:

1. Improve student achievement
2. Provide for the fiscal stability of the district
3. Complete the Phase III planning and school construction program to a positive conclusion
4. To have a collective bargaining outcome that is fair to our taxpayers, fair to our employees, and enables Lakewood Schools to compete in the market for employees to fill needed open positions

As the new school year kicks off, the district is also looking to the future as it plans for the completion of Phase III of our school construction program. On **Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. at LHS**, we will be holding a Community Forum to present and solicit input on proposals for the final configuration of our district. We encourage everyone to come and let their voices be heard.

Keep in mind, that the decisions made in Phase III will impact *all* of our district, not just the schools (Grant, Lincoln, Roosevelt, Lakewood High) that may be rebuilt or closed in this phase. Attendance boundaries will be redrawn, walking distances may change, programming may be relocated and finally, a bond issue must be passed. So, please come and participate in our Sept. 15 Forum and help determine the future of our schools.

Dr. P. Joseph Madak
Superintendent

Board of Education

Edward Favre, President

Betsy Shaughnessy, Vice president

Linda Beebe

John Kamkutis

Matthew John Markling

PARENT AND STUDENT INFORMATION NIGHT – GRADES 1-5

Please plan to come and meet your child's teachers on September 2 at 6:30. The focus of this evening is to begin to develop a sense of community within a classroom, share information, and meet other parents. Kindergarten held their information night on August 18.

HERITAGE NIGHT

Please look for information to come home on our annual Heritage Night. This is a time when we share the rich heritage of our community through food, laughter and entertainment. It will take place at the end of September or beginning of October.

SPARE CHANGE FUNDRAISER – SEPTEMBER 21-25

Please help to support ongoing programs at Emerson. This does not involve hounding your friends and co-workers. No going door to door, just dig into those pockets, lint traps, and couches. It's amazing what you'll find! The class with the highest average contribution will win a pizza party (and bragging rights)! Rolled coins, paper money, or checks will not be turned away. We ask that you limit the amount of pennies that you find – counting can take days! This is the only fundraiser that our school initiates for school sponsored activities. Our P.T.O. sponsors additional fundraising activities for enrichment opportunities for our students.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PRICES

Breakfast: \$1.50

Elementary lunch: \$2.00

Milk: \$.50

Students who qualify will still receive free or reduced breakfast and lunch. The reduced price breakfast will be \$.30 and the reduced price lunch will be \$.40. Applications for these federal programs will be sent home with students on the first day of school or may be picked up in the school office. Snacks are also available.

2009-2010 Elementary Ala Carte Prices

Sliced Pizza	\$ 2.50
Fruit Roll Up	\$.50
Fruit By the Foot	\$.50
Choc. Chip Cookie (homemade)	\$.25
Rice Krispie Treat	\$ 1.00
Tiny Twist Pretzel	\$.30
Chex Mix Traditional	\$.65
PBJ Wafer	\$.50
Baked Nacho Cheese Doritos	\$.75
Push ups	\$.75
Fudge Bars	\$.75
Ice Cream Sandwich	\$.75
Creamsicle	\$.75
Root Beer Float	\$.75

Lakewood Early Childhood PTA'S Brake 4 Kids™ Speed Awareness Program

Pedestrian motor vehicle incidents are a problem since more than 80 kids are hit by cars in the US every day. Lakewood Early Childhood PTA (LECPTA) is sponsoring its 7th consecutive year with our annual speed awareness program entitled Brake 4 Kids™. This program aims to remind drivers to slow down now that school has resumed as they observe the Brake 4 Kids™ tree lawn signs posted on our city streets by residents and businesses, and especially those near schools. The city of Lakewood has seen a reduced number of pedestrian motor vehicle injuries since the inception of Brake 4 Kids™. We believe the Brake 4 Kids™ signs have contributed significantly to this decrease.

Where can I get my sign?

The signs are free and can be obtained at the Lakewood Community Festival at Madison Park on September 12; at the Lakewood elementary schools on Friday, August 28th; or at our three major sponsor locations: Geiger's Sporting Goods, First Federal of Lakewood, and Steve Barry Buick.

When & where should I post my sign?

Brake 4 Kids™ signs can be posted on your tree lawn beginning on the first day of schools (August 26th) and remain there for the entire month of September thanks to City Council Resolution #7782-03 declaring the month of September as "Speed Awareness Month for the City of Lakewood." After that time, please remove the signs from your tree lawn. You may continue to display the signs on your lawn proper, or save and recycle your sign to use next year.

This program is made possible by LECPTA and Lakewood Council of PTAs. Many thanks to our generous sponsor donations from Geiger's Sporting Goods; First Federal of Lakewood; Steve Barry Buick; Brinkman-Dress Funeral Home; Lakewood YMCA; Edward Favre, Board Member Lakewood City Schools; Matthew Markling, Board Member Lakewood City Schools; Harding Middle School PTSA; Hayes Elementary School PTO; The Beck Café; Jordan Family Foundation; Lakewood City Council Member Brian Powers; Lakewood City Council Member Michael Summers; and Madison Graphics.

Tax deductible donations to Brake 4 Kids™-LECPTA are greatly appreciated. For further information, contact LECPTA Health, Safety, and Welfare Chair Christine Walton Siley at brakeforkids@gmail.com or visit our website at www.LECPTA.com

Announcement: Lakewood Early Childhood PTA Baby Bargain Bonanza – October 3, 2009

Baby Bargain Bonanza is back!

Lakewood Early Childhood PTA will hold the Baby Bargain Bonanza sale at Emerson Elementary School (13439 Clifton Blvd.) on October 3, 2009. Doors will open at 9am and the sale will continue until 1pm. Every shopper is sure to find a bargain at this season's sale!

Shoppers won't want to miss this opportunity to purchase gently used items for baby and youth, as well as the mother-to-be, at great prices. The sale will include clothing and accessories for babies and children up to size 14/16, toys, baby/youth furniture, maternity clothing and more. Pick up an almost-new Halloween costume! Plus, don't miss the bake sale with lots of goodies to keep your shopping energy up!

Admission to the sale is \$5 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am, and only \$1 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. All proceeds will support programs of the Lakewood Early Childhood PTA. Sellers will be given the option to donate items left at the closing of the sale to a local charity, chosen by the LECPTA.

PTO NEWS

Welcome everyone to a new exciting year at Emerson Elementary School! The beginning of the year has gone smoothly thanks to the untiring efforts of Principal Seibel and the entire Emerson staff, and we are all looking forward to another wonderful year.

Thanks to Mary Beth Kohl and Inas Jassani for organizing our first ever Back to School Kickball game. We hope you all had as fantastic a time as we did, and enjoyed eating popsicles with us. It was a great way to begin the year.

Speaking of starting the year off right, Joanne Schwark did a wonderful job organizing this year's First Day Café. A big thanks to her for her dedication and hard work. It was great to see so many returning parents, and to welcome all of our new families.

Thanks also to our Membership chair Debbi Polen for getting this year's membership drive going. She has organized a drawing for a \$25.00 Giant Eagle gift card when at least two members of a household join. Remember that your membership dues go to support many of the events, field trips, and programs that make Emerson a great place for your child to learn.

Finally, many thanks go to Dave Stadler for again stepping up to organize Muffins with Mom. Please join us before school on Thursday, September 10 as some outstanding Dads serve the deserving Moms of the Emerson community a scrumptious breakfast. Watch your child's backpack for more information!

Also please come join us for our first meeting of the year immediately following Muffins with Mom. This is a great way to meet other parents, and to find out what's in store for the students and families of our school.

Following is our slate of PTO officers for the 2009-2010 school year. Feel free to contact us with any questions, or you can find more information by going to our webpage at: <http://www.lkwdpl.org/schools/emersonPTO/index.html>

**Our next PTO meeting is September 10, 2009 at 9:00 am.
Emerson PTO: "Enriching the Experience"**

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