

Emerson Chalk Talk

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MESSAGE FROM EMERSON'S PRINCIPAL, MRS. LEDDY

All I can say is **thank you to everyone** ... not only for the way you pushed through this very historic, difficult year but also for your growth mindset and can-do attitude.

It has been a year of change, change and more change. We've had it all: disappointment, fear, loss and more. But it's also been a year of new learning, growth and gratitude. I am **AMAZED** when I talk to kids and they share a positive outlook about their experience with remote learning, partial return, and our return to the ALL IN model. Amid a pandemic, this feels like nothing short of a miracle!

With the exception of our masks, things have been feeling more and more normal at Emerson every day. We are grateful for our students and families. We look forward to even more normalcy and more of our Emerson family together in the upcoming school year.

Thank you for all that you do to preserve Emerson as a very special place for our kids.

-Mrs. Leddy

WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR VOICE AGAIN!

We believe in continuous improvement and would like your helpful insights. Please click the form to provide feedback on our strengths & opportunity areas.

PLUS, You can also provide input on the type of learning environment that best suits your child(ren) & let us know who your family teacher has been in the past so that we can set kids up for even more success in 2021-2022. Thank you for giving us a few minutes of your time so we can reflect and improve.

- **[Family Feedback NOT ANONYMOUS on Emerson's 20-21 School Year LINK](#)**

Balanced classes are being created now & will be posted the evening before school starts.



- Kids enjoying the weather while doing word work!

END-OF-YEAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

End-of-year activities are being planned with COVID protocols in mind.

DATE	ACTIVITY	SUMMARY OF DETAILS
M 5/17	Chalk Fest (Rain date is the next sunny day)	See flyer in newsletter below. Class cohorts chalk to a theme. No visitors, please. PLUS: Remote, e-Learning and in Person Emerson students can connect on Twitter by chalking or color at home to our theme and posting to #ProudToBeEME
W 5/26	Field Day	Field Day will contain stations that cohorts will rotate through. Masks, distancing and cleaning procedures will occur. No visitors, please. PLUS: Remote, e-Learning and in Person Emerson students can connect on Twitter on physical challenges at home and posting to #ProudToBeEME

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

- T 5/18 6PM TITLE I FAMILY NIGHT ZOOM BY INVITATION
- W 5/19 6PM EMERSON PTO MEETING. COME JOIN US AT SCHOOL!
- F 5/21 1PM BATTLE OF THE BOOKS
- M 5/29 ALL DAY NO SCHOOL, MEMORIAL DAY
- W 6/2 3PM LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

DATE / TIME	5TH GRADE EVENT	INFO YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT WHO
F 5/28 9AM	TREE OF HANDS PAINTING Students use a glove, dip their hand in paint & place their hand print on this year's tree.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No family visitors, please • Remote & e-learners can RSVP to the office 529-4254 by F 5/21
F 5/28 11:30 - 1:15	5TH GRADE KICKBALL GAME Followed by a pizza lunch NOTE: Remote & e-learners can place handprints on the tree at this time if more convenient.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No family visitors, please • Remote & e-learners can RSVP to the office 529-4254 by F 5/21.
T 6/1 1:45-2:30	5TH GRADE PROMOTION In the gym, with distancing and masks. Each student receives a certificate. Parent pictures by the Tree of Hands. Parent pictures on front steps on Clifton. Parents can choose to dismiss early with their own 5th grader.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit 2 family members per student, RSVP names of guests to the attendance line recording 216-529-4309 by F 5/21 for reserved seating.. • Remote & e-learners, same as above RSVP for reserved seating.
W 6/2 3PM	5TH GRADE CLAP OUT Students & staff line the halls. 5th graders, led by their teachers, walk a path inside and then are greeted & clapped out by families at the Jackson doors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family visitors outside at grade 5 Jackson doors • Remote & e-learners can RSVP to the office 529-4254 by F 5/21. Arrive by 2:45.

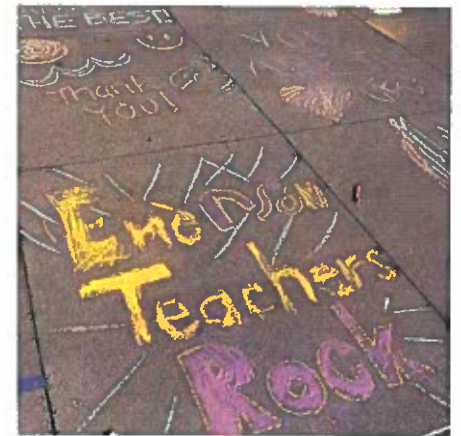
STAFF APPRECIATES STAFF APPRECIATION !

Our Emerson staff is so appreciative of your thoughtfulness during staff appreciation week. Our families found new ways to show their kindness. We saw chalked sidewalks on the way into school, enjoyed cookies, snacks, school supplies, lunch & even had yoga with Mrs. Nahra! It is so wonderful to have something to look forward to each day. Thank you for appreciating us. It means so much to us, especially this year!



MESSAGES FROM EMERSON PTO CO-PRESIDENTS: SARA & TARYN:

Hello Emerson Families! Wow! What an amazing week we had spoiling our staff! Thanks to you and your children, we were able to treat them to cookies, a traveling snack cart filled with goodies, an "office supply buffet," a yoga class, and finally a catered lunch! Without your donations (both monetary & goods), this week would not have been possible.



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Some words from our staff: "Thank you for spoiling us!" "What a week! We are so grateful for all you did for us this week. You are all the best!" "Thank you so much for all you do to support us and make Emerson such a special place!" "Closing the week with a catered lunch was so special

and made waking up on a Friday that much easier knowing I didn't have to pack a lunch!" "You are so great to us!" "Thank you for such a wonderful week & making us feel so loved!" "I was bragging to my friends how amazing our week at work was!"

If you don't already follow us on Facebook, go ahead and find Emerson Elementary PTO to see some pictures of the wonderful things we were able to do this past week.

JOIN US

**And.....join us for an in-person meeting!
Next Wednesday, May 19th at 6pm.**

Weather permitting, we'll meet outside, but if Mother Nature has other plans, we can head to the cafeteria where we can spread out. We are so looking forward to seeing faces, both familiar and new! We'll be discussing next year's

tentative calendar, ways to go back to hosting the fun events of the past, and just getting to know one another again! If you have questions, suggestions, or just want to get out of the house, we'd love to have you join us! We will be sending out a recap after the meeting along with help we may be looking for next year. Hope to see you next week!

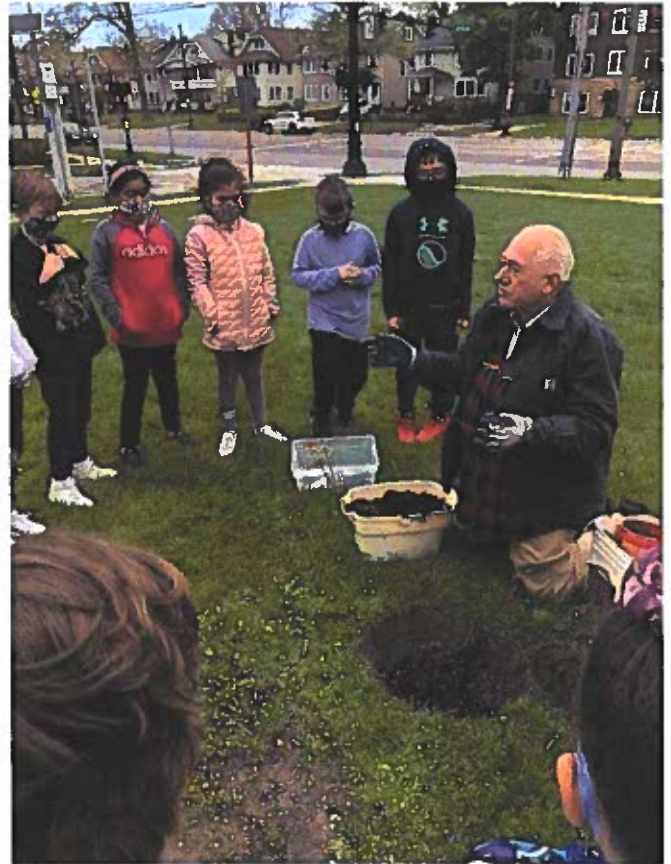
AN AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCE WITH MRS. SYKORA'S CLASS ON ARBOR DAY

You may have noticed the new trees planted on the front lawn at the corner of Clifton & Jackson. But did you know that our third graders helped to plant some very special Moses Cleaveland trees and these are saplings from a 225 year old tree? Mrs. Sykora worked in collaboration with Emerson parents, George Potts & Marina Marquez (local nature lovers who have contributed to numerous projects at Emerson) and an expert arborist, Mr. Phil Kinson AKA The Lorax of Greater Cleveland. Students learned about the uniqueness of these trees and how to plant and care for them. Clearly, they all loved getting their hands dirty!

Bringing the Moses Cleaveland trees to Emerson is a way for us to honor history, prevent extinction of this rare tree, and make our contribution to new growth in Lakewood. It's amazing to think that 200 years from now, people in the Lakewood community may be sitting under these new trees!

You can find a lot in the news these days about the trees ... in part because there are not many left and one was recently cut down. Here is a site that tells about this special tree.

<https://holdenfg.org/resources/have-you-heard-of-the-moses-cleaveland-trees/>



EMERSON'S 2021

CHALKFEST

WHAT:

Chalkfest is a beloved Emerson tradition that we celebrate together each spring. Join your teachers, friends, and families as we share our chalk creations from home and from school!

**ALTHOUGH CHALK IS TEMPORARY,
MEMORIES ARE FOREVER!**



WHO:

Emerson students learning in person &
Emerson students learning remotely

WHEN:

Monday, May 17th

WHERE:

Remotely & at Emerson

HOW:

Using chalk, create pictures of your favorite memory of this school year, a positive quote to share as we end the school year, or a happy picture to spread kindness! We will be collecting pictures and videos of your best chalk memories to share in a slideshow video later in the week!

No chalk? No problem! Be creative!



CHALKING FROM HOME?

TWEET YOUR PICS WITH OUR HASHTAG ... **#ProudToBeEME**

HAVE YOU SEEN THE MOST RECENT EMERSON IN THE NEWS?

- GRADE 1 HANDS-ON, VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP WITH THE GREAT LAKES SCIENCE CENTER

ARTICLE:<https://www.cleveland.com/community/2021/04/lakewoods-emerson-elementary-school-first-graders-have-a-hoot-with-virtual-science-experience.html>

- EMERSON'S BOOK VENDING MACHINE

SPECTRUM TV NEWS CLIP:

<https://spectrumnews1.com/oh/columbus/news/2021/03/16/book-vending-machine-at-emerson-elementary>



DO WE KEEP DISTRICT ISSUED COMPUTERS OVER THE SUMMER?

Yes, students keep district issued computers over the summer. Bring it back on the 1st day of school. Here is what you need to know about the ownership of these devices:

All students in grades 1-12 will keep their district assigned Chromebook over the summer. Next August, Students in grades 1, 5 & 9 will receive a new Chromebook. Chromebooks are on a four year rotation. So, a Lakewood student will receive a Chromebook in 1st grade, use it for 1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd grade & 4th grade and then receive a new device in 5th grade. They will then use that device for 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade. They will then receive another new device when entering 9th grade which will be used for 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade. Due to the district tech fee, the district issued Chromebook becomes property of the student at the end of its 4 year life cycle. All PK & KDG devices should ALREADY BE COLLECTED at this time. These devices are not part of the 1:1 cycle and will be used in the classrooms at school.

NEED A YEARBOOK TO COMMEMORATE THIS SCHOOL YEAR?

- Company: Rippcho
- 216-631-0664 ext 28
- Delivered to Emerson for pick up in September
- \$20.00
- Available online through June 15
- www.RippchoStudio.com
- Password: Emerson21



WELLNESS WEDNESDAY

WEEKLY ROUTINES AT EMERSON

- New Mindful Mondays: Morning announcements include a mindful meditation &/or breathing technique
- Wellness Wednesday: Wear comfortable clothing for exercise breaks and yoga moves.
- Spiritwear Friday: Wear purple/gold or Emerson or Lakewood gear to show your spirit!



HERE TO SUPPORT YOU!

Mrs. Intihar and Ms. Reising have been busy working with small groups, teaching whole group lessons, and completing check-ins with our students. This month as a school we are working on promoting **HONESTY**. We are also continuing our work with mindfulness. We are always here to support your children so please reach out if you ever need anything!

- Molly Reising - Family Resource Coordinator (M,W,F):
molly.reising@lakewoodcityschools.org
- Erica Intihar- Student Wellness Specialist (M-F):
Erica.intihar@lakewoodcityschools.org

YOUTH YOGA PROGRAM

Several staff members have taken part of the Youth Yoga Program throughout this school year to incorporate mindfulness and yoga into our school day! We have learned so much and are excited to continue creating a mindfulness community here at Emerson. We would love to start up our yoga club again next year a few mornings before school. In order to do this, we are looking for certified yoga instructors who may be interested in donating their time between 8:00-8:40AM anywhere between one and two days per month. If you are interested please reach out to Chelsea Kovach or Erica Intihar. Thank you!

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All Emerson students, including our Remote 2.0 and eLearning students, try this yoga sequence at home! Repeat the sequence 3-5 times with smooth and purposeful movements. Parents can join to make it a family routine.

GARDEN YOGA



1. Pretend to be a tree.



2. Pretend to be planting seeds.



3. Pretend to be a buzzing bee.

4. Pretend to be a caterpillar.



5. Pretend to be a flower.

KIDS YOGA
STORIES



i-READY GRADES 2-5 HURRY! YOU CAN STILL CATCH UP!

There is still time to catch up on lessons if you have not completed enough each week. The number of lessons will vary based on the needs of each student and be determined by the classroom teacher. These lessons are targeted to the specific skills the student needs to be successful at the next level of learning. Set

a goal for the last two weeks of May. Summer support too: your i-Ready login will continue to work for all of June and most/all of July. Make more than a year of growth, despite the pandemic and make a plan to work on the lessons of your personal path this summer.

SOME REMINDERS ABOUT ARRIVAL

For safety reasons, students are not to arrive on school grounds before 8:45 AM.

- Please synchronize your clocks. We must avoid student gatherings and maintain social distancing. Help keep us safe & avoid the sending of student incident reports.
- You may wait with your child in your car until the bell rings at 8:45
- Please do not turn left into the parking lot (right turn only) and please do not block neighbors driveways

TECHNOLOGY REPAIR & TROUBLE SHOOTING

Computers in need of repair, can receive help at each home building. Classroom teachers can arrange for the computer to get tech assistance in the LRC & a loaner computer will be provided while the repair takes place. If you have a student in Remote 2.0 or eLearning & need a repair, call the office and similar arrangements will be made.



KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION ARE OPEN FOR 2021-2022

- Students must be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2021.
- Kindergarten information can be found on the district's **Student Registration page**.
- See the Kindergarten informational video and register for your appointment.
- For PK, visit the district's **Early Childhood Education Department page**.



Thank you for all that you do!

Your Principal and Partner in Learning,



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P.S. LOOKING FOR AMAZING SUMMER RESOURCES?

EMERSON SUMMER RESOURCES from Emerson Title Staff May 2021 LINK