

Emerson Chalk Talk

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL, MRS. LEDDY

Today, our Emerson Elementary family was reunited through our parade. There were smiles, tears, and honking car horns all around! What a cold day for a parade day. How are flurries even possible on May 8th! We picked a later date to give our Emerson family a nice weather day. Ha! Thank you for digging out the winter wear and coming out to see us. Despite the cold temperatures, our hearts could not be warmer because we were able to see so many of you today. In such a difficult time, our car parade simply reaffirmed for me why Emerson is such a magical place... We have staff, students and families with huge hearts. So much love around us. How lucky are we?

- Mrs. Leddy

Let's Stay Connected, Emerson!



Follow Emerson's Twitter page for all of our updates, celebrations, and ways to stay in touch with families, even throughout the summer.

We love to see what you are doing from home! Keep posting these pictures by tagging us and using the hashtags below:

[@LkwdEmerson](https://twitter.com/LkwdEmerson)

[#InThisTogetherLKWD](https://twitter.com/InThisTogetherLKWD)



[#EmersonConnects](https://twitter.com/EmersonConnects)





WHAT HAVE WE BEEN WORKING ON?



1. WAYS TO IMPROVE TEACHING & LEARNING: We continue to find ways to improve our remote learning lessons and seek ways to learn from each other at Emerson. Now that LCS has announced the new May 20, end of instruction day, we are also planning for the fall. Once remote instruction ends on May 20, our full focus will be on improving teaching and learning for the Fall. We will dedicate our focus to this work through the end of the school year as it was set. So, while students will not receive new assignments after May 20th, our educators will continue through the end of the calendar year.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS: These are recorded once a week for teachers to share out. If you missed it this week, here is the link: <https://youtu.be/dIF8IkmOpfI>

3. PLANNING REMOTE EXPERIENCES for our students and families. We have some exciting news to share with you as we plan some long-time favorite end of the year events. We hope you can all participate in some capacity! Emerson is such a special place and we love connecting with our families & so let's do it remotely! These events will be plugged in the Emerson Connects weekly Twitter fun! Please join us!



- a. PARADE 5/8
- b. FIELD DAY/WEEK 5/11-5/15
Virtual Field Day/Week

Field Day is one of our favorite traditions, and we don't want remote learning to stop us from celebrating. Emerson will be having a WEEK of Field Day at-home challenges May 11th - May 15th. Please consider celebrating this Virtual Field Day/Week a little differently this year with us. Each day next week, there will be a different at-home challenge posted in the P.E. Google Classroom and on Emerson's social media. The materials needed for these challenges are simple and (hopefully) easy for students to

find at home. Let yourself and your family be silly and have fun in these videos. That's what it's all about! If you need help with getting into our Specials Google Classroom, we have included that information for you in this newsletter.

c. CHALKFEST 5/18-5/20

Virtual Chalkfest

Chalkfest is another beloved Emerson tradition each spring. We will be inviting families to spread cheer around the neighborhood and chalk from home this year! Please consider adding your own photos and videos of you and your family's chalk art as we all celebrate from afar. It's a great way to share with our community as we go for healthy walks. If you don't have chalk, there will be options to take a picture of yourself or use a different art medium.

d. ART SHOW VIDEO RELEASE, DATE TBA...LIKELY 5/29

i. To be posted in the specials Google Classroom

e. SPECIAL EXPERIENCES FOR OUR FIFTH GRADERS 5/29

A committee of parents are working with our staff to create ..

- A memory book with pictures to commemorate our fifth graders & a favorite memory
- Signs where a parent can take a picture of their fifth grade student
- A reverse car parade where 5th grade families drive through to be clapped out on 5/29 at 2:00PM. This time, you can decorate your car!
- Promotion certificates to honor their completion of schooling at Emerson
- The Tree of Hands likely to be completed at the end of summer



Help! When will I get my student's personal items?

We are planning for an exchange of materials....we have items in the classrooms to return to you and Artwork coming too. Plus, we will have items to collect from you too like borrowed technology devices and charges. Borrowed instruments will be collected after summer. More information will be coming but we are expecting this will likely be around June 1. The district is coordinating the time to accommodate families. Watch for information in the next Chalk Talk.

Help! I can't get into the Google Classroom for the Field Day Activities!

1. [LINK to joining the Emerson Specials: Art, Music, and P. E.](#)
2. Watch for the posts on Twitter



EMERSON CONNECTS WEEK 5/11-5/15

Here are ways we can use social media to connect. Join the fun & show your fitness skills

EMERSON CONNECTS 5/11-5/15

Follow our school on Twitter: [@LkwdEmerson](#)

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EMERSON'S VIRTUAL FIELD DAYS

Each day we will post teachers' videos trying out a new Virtual Field Day challenge. We want you to try it, too!

Are you up for the challenge?

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[#EmersonConnects](#)

5/11 Monday

Water Bottle Flip Challenge

1 water bottle filled with $\frac{1}{4}$ of water.



Count how many flips you can do in 2 minutes.
Bonus: Do 2 jumping jacks every other flip.

5/12 Tuesday

Bowl Ball Challenge

6 bowls & 1 ball made of socks!



Set up bowls on ground in a triangular shape.
Toss your sock ball into the bowls!

Keeping Score:

Close Bowls: 1pt - Middle: 2pts - Farthest: 3pts

5/13 Wednesday

5pm Lakewood All-City P.E. Activity

Any sport or activity!



Pick whatever sport or activity you like best, and show off those skills for your family and your Lakewood neighbors from your front yard at 5pm.

5/14 Thursday

Paper Ball Challenge

1 Paper Ball & Bucket or Basket



While doing an awesome trick of your choice, toss the paper ball into the basket!
No time limit.

5/15 Lakewood Spirit Friday

Paper Airplane Cornhole

3 Paper Airplanes & Bucket or Basket



Standing a few feet away, fly your paper airplanes into the basket.
Count how many you can make in 2 minutes.
Don't forget to wear your Lakewood gear!

MESSAGE FROM FAMILY RESOURCE COORDINATOR

If you or your child wants to touch base feel free to email me at any time and I will email you back. All of us will be experiencing some feelings of anxiety as our lives have been temporarily disrupted. We are all in this together and together we will come through stronger and better because of it.

NEED A PARENT-CHILD MEDIATION? It's a real thing! If you find your child is not listening to you about school, you can let me know and I can have a conversation with them. I am glad to mediate this with you to help students understand that the Governor needs us to do school this way and they need to login in and complete work daily as assigned by teachers and relayed by you. We can set up a phone call. Simply reach me by email.

-Emerson Family Resource Coordinator, Tara Shirley tara.shirley@lakewoodcityschools.org

ANOTHER GREAT RESOURCE!

Mr. Michael Carr is a great listener. He is committed to connecting families to resources they need like counseling for your children or family members in need. He has parenting resources too. Reach out if it is helpful to you. These are trying times!

Michael Carr, LSW, LPCC-S, Mental Health Navigator

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**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT**

MESSAGE FROM PTO

- Please follow us on **Facebook @EmersonElementaryPTO**.
 - Come see our many pictures to help us connect.
 - This is the time when we plan for next year. If you want to be more involved, reach out.
- **FREE breakfast/lunch pick up for ANY Lakewood family**
Monday AND Thursday at 11:00AM -12:00PM at LHS, Garfield MS and Harding MS.
 - You can get **tech support** here if you have a school Chromebook
 - We also have **books in bins** if you want some books
- [LCS EXTENDED CLOSURE UPDATE MAY 1, 2020 LINK](#)
- **Have you completed the 2020 Census yet for your household?** It takes about 10 minutes. Go to: 2020census.gov & you can click "respond" to complete your information or watch a short, less than 2 minute video to learn more. The 2020 Census is for everyone and impacts Ohio's allocation of representatives,

FAMILY FUN: WOULD YOU RATHER QUESTIONS TO SHARE WITH YOUR FAMILY

1. Would you rather go mountain climbing or skydiving?
2. Would you rather be only able to whisper or only able to yell?
3. Would you rather fly a kite or build a snowman?
4. Would you rather have the chance to design a new toy or create a new TV show?
5. Would you rather have a magic carpet that flies or a see-through submarine?

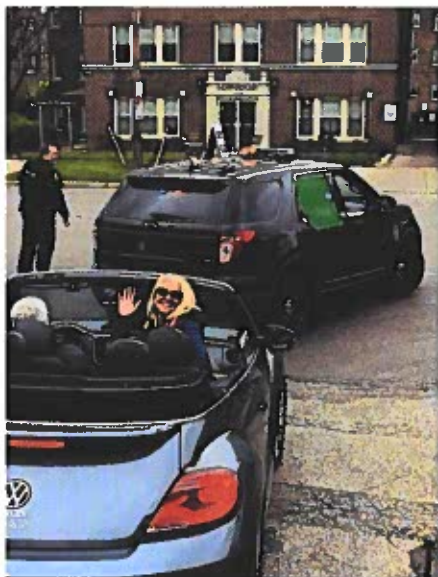
THE READING YOU ARE DOING AT HOME MATTERS!

Being the home reading teacher now is CRAZY but keep this up! Reading and talking about books helps our students grow as readers. Here are some things I enjoy and hope you will too. Consider our Lakewood Public Library and if checkout audiobooks for the family to listen to and discuss. There is so much to learn about reading fluency from these books. Listening allows our imagination to paint the pictures or make a movie in our minds! Look at podcasts that allow adults to do the same thing. Pick up a couple audiobooks and try them out. Share a chapter a night. Lakewood Library is now open for business through car pull up service. Some audiobooks that I LOVE

- * the entire Harry Potter Series
- * Christopher Paul Curtis' The Watsons Go to Birmingham 1963, which is a historical fiction book that teaches us about the south in the 60s.

* For the younger crowd, I recommend trying any Junie B. Jones book in an audio format.

Pick some and you will discover new authors that you love. Recommend your favorites to your neighbors with children. Here is the link to our Lakewood Public Library for all kinds of amazing resources: <https://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/>



Thank you for partnering with us in this new normal. If you have questions, you can reach out to me or your child's classroom teacher. It is important to our Emerson staff that we keep communication open.

Your Principal and Partner in Learning,

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