

# Emerson Chalk Talk

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## GRADE 1-5 PICK UP OF DEVICES & MATERIALS

- WED 8/26 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
- WED 8/26 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- THURS 8/27 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
- THURS 8/27 2:00 PM-4:00 PM

## KINDERGARTEN SCREENING & PICK UP OF DEVICES & MATERIALS

- MON 8/31 & TUES 9/1 BY APPOINTMENT

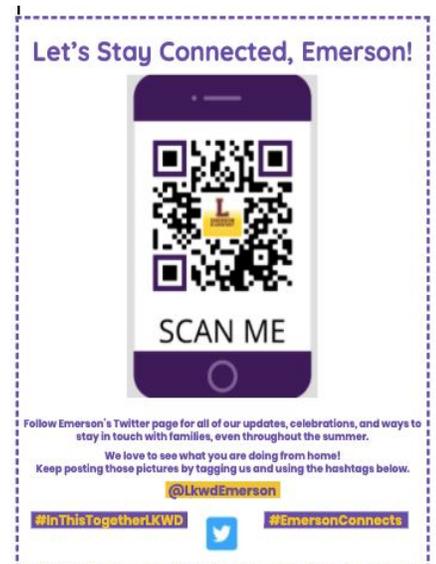
## K-5 ORIENTATION ACTIVITIES WEEK

- MON 8/31- FRI 9/4

## K-5 REMOTE LEARNING BEGINS

- TUES 9/8 (THE DAY AFTER LABOR DAY)

## READ ON FOR MORE INFORMATION



## MESSAGE FROM EMERSON'S PRINCIPAL, MRS. LEDDY

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year, a school year unlike any other! Whether we are learning remotely, partially in, or “all in”, we are committed to providing an engaging, rich, and safe learning environment for our students. Even though school looks and feels different right now, we are excited to make connections, build relationships, and engage in meaningful learning with you. If you are new to Emerson, welcome to the family! Emerson is a special place with amazing students, families, and staff.

Enclosed you will find information specific to elementary students during our unique start to this year. All kindergartners will receive an ipad & their educational materials during screening during August 31 and September 1. All students in grades 1-5 will receive a device (ipad for grade 1 & chromebook for grades 2-5) and educational items during material pickup August 27 and 28. All Emerson families who signed up for K-5 eLearning will pick up devices on August 27 and 28 as well. (See the chart below.)

The remote learning schedule for the week (Monday-Thursday) is listed below this letter. Fridays during remote learning will be reserved for a 30 minute social-emotional learning and community building with students and staff at the class' regular zoom time. Teachers may want to work individually with students as scheduled with families. Fridays are helpful to catch up if needed for a given week. Math technology designed for student's personal path (i-Ready & Happy Numbers) as well as additional choice reading and writing options are also fun Friday options. If the Friday meeting time presents an issue to your family, please communicate with your teacher.

Moving forward, LCS and Emerson will continue to send important information and updates via email. If you have not been receiving updates via email, please call our office ASAP to ensure that you have the correct information in the system. To be sure you are receiving emails, this communication was already sent via email and via regular mail. A district letter was mailed today containing instructions for ALL families to update Registration Gateway to ensure you continue to receive updates. Please thoroughly complete this process (about 10 minutes per child) so that we have all the information we need to reach you.

We are excited to partner with you in your child's growth, development, and achievement. Should you have any questions or need anything, please feel free to contact me by phone at 216-529-4254 or by email at [denice.leddy@lakewoodcityschools.org](mailto:denice.leddy@lakewoodcityschools.org).



IMPORTANT DATES & DETAILS		
<p>Wed. Aug. 26 &amp; Thurs. Aug. 27</p>	<p>Choose the day &amp; time that works best for you!</p> <p>*Grades 1-5 Material Pickup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● WED 8/26 10:00 AM-12:00 PM</li> <li>● WED 8/26 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM</li> <li>● THURS 8/27 10:00 AM-12:00 PM</li> <li>● THURS 8/27 2:00 PM-4:00 PM</li> </ul> <p>What will I pick up?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A device (iPad grade 1; Chromebook grade 2-5)</li> <li>● Physical materials like Math workbook pages, Reading resources, and much more!</li> <li>● Grades 1-5, Here is where you will find out who your teachers is for 2020-2021.</li> <li>● Information about Orientation activities during the week of August 31-September 4th with your new teacher.</li> </ul>	 <p>Face masks required.</p> <p>One parent only per pick up, please.</p> <p>Safety protocols in place.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete forms as needed, i.e. Free/Reduced lunch forms, iPad/Chromebook pick up form, etc..</li> </ul>	
Mon. Aug. 31 & Tues. Sept 1	<p>Kindergarten Screening Mon. Aug. 31 &amp; Tues. Sept 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes iPad pick up</li> <li>Physical materials like Math workbook pages, Reading resources, and much more!</li> <li>Zoom Orientation activity info scheduled for Sept 3rd &amp; 4th, including a Zoom to meet your new teacher</li> <li>Complete forms as needed, i.e. Free/Reduced lunch forms, iPad pick up form, etc...</li> </ul>	 <p>Face masks required. Safety protocols in place.</p>
Aug. 31-Sept 4 Mon.-Fri	<p>K-5 Orientation Week (Remotely through Zoom) This week will be for building classroom community, getting to know students/teachers, student assessments, and learning the ins and outs for remote learning. Information will come from your child's teacher.</p>	
Mon. Sept. 7	<p>Labor Day: No School</p>	
Tues. Sept. 8	<p>K-12 Remote Instruction Begins! We can't wait!</p>	

**\*e-Learning Note: K-5 Emerson students enrolled in eLearning during the first semester will also pick up their devices during the 8/26-8/27 time of their choice at Emerson.**

## **TECHNOLOGY REPAIR & TROUBLE SHOOTING**

- Drop In help is available for the iPads and Chromebooks that we provide for use.
  - Technicians will be available:
    - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
    - At Lakewood High School, Garfield Middle School and Harding Middle School
    - Beginning on September 1st for Chromebook repairs.
    - Also available at LHS on Fridays 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.
- Or-Call 216-529-4088**



# Remote Elementary School Schedule

MONDAY-THURSDAY	Grade	Core Instruction Includes Zoom Instruction	Lunch	Intervention/Enrichment Zoom	Specials Zoom &/or Choice	TL
<b>K-2 Details:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.5 hours of core instruction including daily Zoom lessons and independent work.</li> <li>• .5 hours intervention block.</li> <li>• .5 specials daily.</li> </ul> <b>3-5 Details:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 hours of core instruction including daily Zoom lessons and independent work.</li> <li>• .5 intervention block.</li> <li>• .5 specials daily.</li> </ul>	<b>K</b>	9:00-10:30 (90) 9:00 Zoom	11:00-12:00 (60)	12:00-12:30 (30)	12:45-1:15 (30)	2.5
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*TL=Total Learning/Engagement Time*

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## EMERSON STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join me in a warm welcome and congratulations for the new positions amongst our Emerson staff!

- Mrs. Intihar (formerly KDG) will be a Student Wellness Specialist at Emerson Elementary and will be serving K-5 students. More information on this new role to come.
- Ms. Vidnovic (formerly K-2 Intervention Specialist) will serve as the K-2 STARS teacher.
- Ms. Hankey is returning to Emerson as the 3-5 STARS teacher.
- Mrs. Shirley, our Family Resource Coordinator, has sadly left Emerson to further pursue a position outside of education. We will be interviewing soon for this position soon.
- Due to enrollment numbers at Emerson and in other buildings, we have been asked to share some of our staff members with other Lakewood building communities. We know that our loving Emerson spirit will soar and allow those schools to grow even stronger. Our grade level teachers listed below, represent our teachers for the grade levels this year, and they feel fortunate to be able to educate your children at Emerson!
  - PK Juran & DeJohn
  - K Carlson & Shamsali

- 1 Bradac, Budzar & Ginley
- 2 Holliday & Katona
- 3 Gerg, Kovach & Sykora
- 4 Shields & Staib
- 5 Heckman-Spear & Mollison

**CLASS LISTS** were created in collaboration with the previous year teachers with great care to make sure that student needs are best met and that combinations of students are optimal. We did our best to balance A-K and L-Z so that we are also prepared for partial return. We did our best to place children and families with teachers with which they would be most comfortable. Class lists will not be posted on the doors this year. Students will learn of their classroom teacher in a letter at material pick up. The teachers cannot wait to connect with you on Orientation week! We are sorry, requests are unable to be taken at this time.

**OUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** has been extremely beneficial. We appreciate the time at the start of the school year to reflect, to learn more about teaching and learning to debrief with each other about best practices. This work will serve us well all at Emerson, no matter what types of environment(s) we face throughout the 2020-2021 school year.

### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Please visit our school's website for the school supply list. Students will be completing activities at home that will require some supplies. We will also need them for our eventual return to school.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Attendance will be taken daily during remote learning. If your child is going to be absent, please report his/her absence by calling the **attendance line at 216-529-4309.**

Also, please work with your child's teacher to ensure that your child is able to engage in missed learning and make up missed assignments.

### **GETTING BOOKS INTO THE HANDS OF OUR STUDENTS**

We have new e-book options to get your children excited about reading. We also have a new option to order Emerson library books online and pick them up! Watch for more information to come!



IMPORTANT  
ANNOUNCEMENT

### **REGISTRATION ONLINE FOR NEW STUDENTS AND KINDERGARTNERS**

Registration for new students, including kindergarten and preschool, is now a fully online process. Please encourage any family, neighbors and friends to register their student(s) early for next school year. [Registration page LINK HERE](#)

**LAKESWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY** <https://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/>

- The Main Library's Connections Room, Multipurpose Room, and Children's Activity Room -- all located on the first floor in the Children's and Youth Services area of the Library -- will be reserved for student use only during the school year.
- To maintain social distancing, students in these particular rooms at the Main Library will be limited to a total of twenty-eight students.
- The Madison Branch will reserve its Auditorium and the small meeting room for student use only, with a limit of (approximately) twenty students.
- This service would be in addition to staff at both Library locations offering students homework help Monday through Friday, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Library purchased special cashier screens to allow staff to work safely with students.

**BREAKFAST & LUNCH “GRAB & GO” OPTION** is being offered from all schools. Families can pick up at any building for all school-age kids. Lunch-recess monitors will support traffic flow in and out to promote safe distancing. Grab-N-Go containers with a lid along with milk (hot lunch) will support the to-go process. Enter through the side glass doors on Jackson for the Emerson location. It begins, daily, at all buildings beginning September 8th.

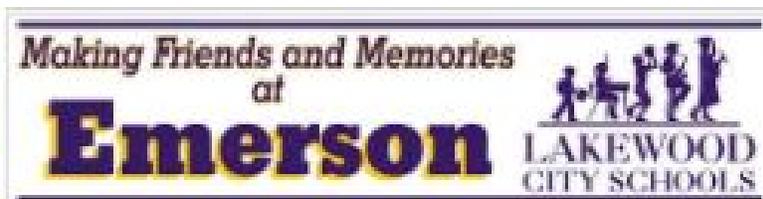
- Hours & Costs
  - Elementary Breakfast 8:30-9:00am, \$1.75, Reduced Cost \$0.30
  - Elementary Lunch 11:00am-12:30pm, \$2.50, Reduced Cost \$0.40
- Families that are eligible for free and reduced lunch will need to fill out updated forms this year. These will be available to complete & return at Grade 1-5 material pick up & Kindergarten Screening. To make it easy, bring income information & a case number.

## **EMERSON PTO**

Please follow us on Facebook **@EmersonElementaryPTO**. Check the FB page for updates.

## **OUR EMERSON BANNER**

Come take pictures at a safe distance from others. It is a different start to the school year but making memories matters!



Follow our school on Twitter:

**@LkwdEmerson**



Follow our PTO on Facebook:

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Your Principal and Partner in Learning,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denice A. Leddy".

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