

Emerson Chalk Talk

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MESSAGE FROM EMERSON'S PRINCIPAL, MRS. LEDDY

Quarter 3 has proven to be filled with excitement here at Emerson. I am so proud that students are right back into the swing of things. Students are working hard on their academics and they are making gains! Our students are connecting with teachers and peers. We have done our best to celebrate with experiences. We have had PTO Family BINGO Zoom (still more to come), our Classical Lunch, and the latest bit of excitement is that our Emerson PBIS Ultimate Book Experience machine has arrived! Read on for more information.

We are about to transition from partial return to our "All In model" in which our purple and gold students return to school five days a week. Students enrolled in eLearning Lincoln Learning and Remote 2.0 need not make any change and can continue with their educational selection made for semester two. Read on for tweaks in building procedures. If you have questions, please contact me at the office or send me an email.

We are feeling a wave of hopefulness come over us. COVID-19 numbers are on the decline and vaccinations are on the incline. We are grateful to be able to have students back at school 5 days a week. We are grateful to our community for your support of Emerson. We are hopeful for a future where we can all connect in the ways that we once did and grateful for the new ways in which we discover we can connect in spite of a pandemic.

-Mrs. Leddy

Important Upcoming Dates: (Adjustments in red)

- Mon. 3/8 Purple day in Person; (Gold at-home learning)
- **Tues. 3/9 Staff Vaccination Day, An at-home learning day for Purple & Gold**
- **Wed. 3/10 *Purple Remote Learning Day with Zoom. At-home learning for Gold.**
- Thurs. 3/11 Gold day in Person (Purple at-home learning)
- Fri. 3/12 Purple day in Person; (Gold at-home learning)
- **Mon. 3/15 All in Model. Purple & Gold day students resume at school 5 days a week**
- Mon. 3/15 4th Quarter begins
- M 3/22-F 3/26 Spring Break!

* NOTE: Teachers plan to Zoom with the purple group, following the schedule from December. Please watch for communication from your child's teacher for times & Zoom links. If the teacher is ill due to the vaccine, they will post work for students.



WANT TO READ ABOUT EMERSON PROCEDURES FOR ALL IN?

- [*Emerson Copy of Elementary Return Information & Procedures FOR ALL IN 20-21 LINK](#)



CLASSICAL LUNCH

Classical Lunch was really nice. We were unable to have former Emerson students come from LHS to perform but we wanted to have an experience and so we projected & played

orchestra music for our students that was performed by students. If you were remote and didn't get the experience, you can click the link below and have your own classical lunch or dining experience at home. Thank you to PTO for decorating our cafeteria with flowers, placemats and ambient lighting. The

mints are always a hit! Here's one of our YouTube links of the Joyous String Ensemble



https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3tCfeWcO2tq1_VIKVPwo_g



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

We have a lot of news to share! Hopefully you've had a chance to enjoy one of our bingo nights. There is still one more **Zoom Family Bingo Night** opportunity. It's a blast. RSVP & Join us! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4da5ab29a6f58-emerson2>
Thursday, March 11, from 7-8pm join your fellow Emerson friends for a fun evening of bingo. You'll be provided a bingo card, candy to mark the free space, and great time! Please RSVP by Monday, March 8 so we can get the bingo cards home in time.

Ready for Easter Candy? We've partnered with local Lakewood chocolate shop, **Sweet Designs, for a candy fundraiser**. Check out <https://sweetdesigns.com/pages/fundraiser> to see what they have to offer! On this page, you'll select Emerson Elementary as your organization. All candy will be boxed and delivered to Emerson on Monday, March 29, to be sent home with your students. If you are remote, they will be available for pick up at the school. So, shop local & support Emerson!





Did you hear the exciting announcement? Emerson now has a **book vending machine**! The staff uses “golden coins” as incentives for students throughout the year. Kids take those coins to the machine and pick out a book of their very own! The PTO board voted earlier this year to fund this machine in its entirety, and we were thrilled to be able to give a wonderful gift not only to our school but to the students, one which will provide smiles and foster a love of reading for years to come! If you would like to contribute towards the vending machine, we always welcome donations. Speaking of donations, as you start your spring cleaning, if you have any very gently used books (nice enough that they can be used for the machine to reward students), feel free to send them into school.

Left: Sara Verderber, PTO Co-President
Right: Denice Leddy, Emerson Principal

Watch for more information coming soon on **Staff Appreciation** and an **end-of-year PTO meeting**. As with everything else, our PTO has changed this year and will be looking for fresh ideas for the upcoming school year. It's a great time to get involved!
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Pictured above is our very first group of Emerson students to visit the Ultimate Book Experience machine. These students have been honored for showing Kindness & Empathy (Read on for more information)

Emerson's Ultimate Book Experience

Emerson's PBIS Book Experience Machine is the ultimate addition to our positive school-wide system. Emerson's school culture is one in which we seek to empower students to learn, to lead, and to make a difference. We value our district Vision of a Lakewood Graduate. We use the natural skills of our staff to teach school expectations and to coach our students to exemplify the competencies found in our Vision of a Lakewood Graduate. Emerson believes in acknowledging students for excellent leadership choices because each choice contributes to our positive culture. Earning a golden coin to Emerson's Book Experience is positively an ultimate award.



We value the uniqueness of every student and believe that every child exhibits leadership qualities in different ways. Therefore, students are provided with a variety of paths to earn a golden coin for our Emerson book experience. Our Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) Team and our Building Leadership Team meet regularly to review building needs and to cater our rewards to engage our students at high levels. Students may earn a coin for exceeding on reading logs or i-Ready goals. Meeting the Principal's challenges for math fact mastery and STEM designs are another way to earn a golden coin.



Each month, students are selected that model the competencies found in our vision of a Lakewood Graduate. Students are honored for their success in these areas and rewarded with a golden coin.

- Empathetic Learners: Demonstrate kindness and acceptance & Develop authentic relationships
- Critical and Creative Thinkers: Provide evidence of his/her thinking & Generate ideas, possibilities, and actions
- Effective Communicators: Exhibit active listening, awareness, and sensitivity & Express thoughts in written and oral formats
- Growth Mindset Learners: Show perseverance in the face of obstacles & Exhibit the power of YET with a willingness to try
- Globally Aware Citizens: Seek to understand diverse perspectives & Feel empowered to make a difference
- Effective Collaborators: Seek input and are open to new ideas & Engage in team problem solving

Our initiative reminds our students that leadership matters and a love of literacy matters. At Emerson, we each represent a building culture that inspires kids to make good choices, strive to be role models and contribute to the positive atmosphere of our school. We are so very grateful for the collaboration with our Emerson Elementary PTO who funded this initiative during these difficult times and thus providing us with this amazing tool to foster our PBIS and literacy goals for years to come.



Inclusiveness
Including and taking into account others and their needs

- You look alone. Come join our team!
- Please sit next to me at lunch.

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 inclusiveness & collaboration. 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!

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- Erica Intihar- Student Wellness Specialist (M-F): Erica.intihar@lakewoodcityschools.org













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!



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.

Youth Yoga Project Sun Sequence

					
1: Mountain Neutral	2: Extended Mountain Breathe in	3: Forward Fold Breathe out	4: Low Lunge Breathe in	5: Downward Facing Dog Breathe out	6: Plank Breathe in (lower to belly, breathe out)
					
7: Upward Facing Dog Breathe in	8: Downward Facing Dog Breathe out	9: Low Lunge Breathe in	10: Forward Fold Breathe out	11: Extended Mountain Breathe in	12: Mountain Breathe out

ATTENDANCE

- Please call ahead for every absence [216-529-4309](tel:216-529-4309)
- Please communicate to the main office and your child's homeroom teacher if they need to be out for an extended period of time



i-READY GRADES 2-5

There is a district expectation that students will complete practice lessons 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. YOU CAN DO IT :)

SOME REMINDERS ABOUT DISMISSAL AND THE CAR LINE

Dismissal

- Stagger dismissal from classrooms to avoid large gatherings and heavy hallway traffic.
- Picking up at the doors allows families to avoid the car line
 - 2:55 Kindergarten dismissed to parents at Jackson glass doors
 - 3:00 Walkers dismissed
 - 3:05 Car Rider line begins
 - Display the car line sign in your car window every day. This keeps the line moving, especially when dismissal staff needs to adjust.
 - Please pull up all the way to the stop sign.
 - Please remain in the car and have students enter on the passenger side
 - Please be patient. The line is doubling. Our goal is to exit students as safely and efficiently as possible.
 - Please do not turn left into the parking lot (right turn only) and please do not block neighbors driveways
- Maximize different walking doors for exit. See your teachers at these doors.
 - 2:55 Kindergarten at Jackson glass doors
 - 3:00 1st grade at Jackson glass doors
 - 3:00 2nd-3rd grade at Clifton doors
 - 3:00 4th-5th grade at second set of Jackson doors
 - Older siblings should meet up at the door of younger siblings
- Avoid large gatherings for waiting. Maintain social distancing
- Masks remain on until the student has left campus or is in a car.



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](#).

CAN WE REACH YOU? ALERT NOW CONTACT HELP!



If you would like additional phone numbers or email addresses added to the Alert Now portion of Registration Gateway, Mrs. Jenean Carlson, our school secretary, is happy to help. This will give access to emailed announcements and newsletters as well as text updates. Don't worry, we won't send too many! Mrs. Carlson can be reached at 216-529-4254.

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.



We go outside for recess almost every day. Please Dress for the Weather!

If your child needs help with cold weather clothing, please contact the office.

DISTRICT MESSAGES

March 5 & 8: Grab-and-Go Meal Delivery

On Friday, March 5 (Gold cohort) and Monday, March 8 (Purple cohort), Nutrition Services staff will provide students the meals they would otherwise receive on Tuesday, March 9 and Wednesday, March 10 as cafeterias will be closed to students that day.

March 9: Independent Learning Day

The majority of our staff is due to receive the second dose of the coronavirus vaccination on Tuesday, March 9. As was done on February 16 when staff received their first dose, ***all students will have an independent or asynchronous learning day on March 9.*** Teachers will provide students with assignments to complete from home.

March 10: Purple Remote Learning Day with Contingency Plan

All students in the Purple cohort will engage in remote learning following their regular school schedule. In the event that any staff members suffer post-vaccine reactions that prevent them from teaching, they will communicate this with families and leave an alternative asynchronous assignment for students. All students in the Gold cohort, Remote 2.0 and eLearning should continue with their regular schedule.

March 11 & 12

Classes will resume in our hybrid/partial return model. March 11 (Gold) and March 12 (Purple).

March 15: Fourth-Quarter Learning Plan Begins

All in-person students will begin attending school everyday, Monday through Friday, following their regular school schedule. Remote 2.0 students will continue to follow their regular schedules. eLearning students will continue as they have been. A summary of building safety protocols are below:

- The District has purchased plexiglass shields for both students and staff.
- Mask wearing remains mandatory.
- Varied classrooms sizes mean some will have 3 feet instead of 6 feet spacing.
- Buildings have made adjustments in their cafeterias to maximize spacing during lunch.
- Buildings are equipped with hospital grade air filters and pull in more outside air to reduce the amount of recirculated air.
- For a complete list of protocols for our All In Model, click [here](#).

March 23-25: Spring Into STEM

Over 100 students will soon receive an invitation to participate in our three-day Spring Into STEM program to be offered during Spring Break. A letter will be sent to the invited students' homes the week of March 8.

April 20 - May 12: State Testing

Please stay tuned for information that will be shared regarding state testing for grades 3-12. Those Remote 2.0 and eLearners in grades 3-12 will be expected to participate in state testing per the Ohio Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Education.

FROM THE LKWD REC

- Still a few spots left in our [Instructional Volleyball program](#) for girls in grades 1-3 and 4-6
- Register for [summer youth baseball or softball](#) now - leagues available for ages 4 and up!
- Looking for a [great summer job](#)? We are hiring great people for open positions as lifeguards, swim instructors, pool attendants, scorekeepers, camp counselors, and more!
- Dive into the [Underwater Egg Hunt](#) on April 3... pre register and save!
- [Summer camp registration](#) begins March 1

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 those pictures by tagging us and using the hashtags below.

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

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



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

Thank you for all that you do!

Your Principal and Partner in Learning,

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

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