

EMERSON CRUSADERS

August 2019 Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

August 12 ~ Emerson Open House 5:30- 6:30 pm

August 13 ~ Kindergarten Parent Meetings

8:15 - 9:00 am or 5:30- 6:15 pm

August 13 ~ First Day of School 1st - 4th Grades

August 13 ~ Early Dismissal @ 11:45 am

August 14 ~ First Day of School for Kindergartners
With last names A - N

August 15 ~ First Day of School for Kindergartners
With last names O - Z

August 19 ~ First Day of Preschool

August 21 ~ Early Dismissal @ 2:15

August 28 ~ Early Dismissal @ 2:15



PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Welcome to a great year here at Emerson Elementary! You have probably noticed a lot of new faces around the building as far as new staff and new students. I want to say welcome to all of our new students, new parents and new staff of Emerson Elementary.

I want to introduce myself as the new principal of Emerson Elementary. I have been in education for 15 years as a classroom teacher, special education teacher and reading teacher. I have also held positions at the elementary school level such as a special education & migrant paraprofessional. Out of all the positions, I have been a kindergarten teacher the longest. I was very excited to take a step out of the classroom and into the role of administration. Since I have been the principal of Emerson, I have had the opportunity to meet all the students and teachers here at Emerson as well as some families. I am excited to continue to get to know all families of Emerson and really start to make memories that will last me a lifetime as a new Emerson Crusader! Thank you to everyone that has already welcomed me with a smile or hug. I truly love coming to school everyday and seeing the student's bright smiles as they are learning and growing here at Emerson. Each staff member has shown me how much it means to be a part of the Emerson family by the way they show their love and support for each and every student. I am excited for this new year and new beginning to be a part of the Emerson family!

Below you will find the pictures of the new teachers here at Emerson.



Angie Luebbe
School Principal



Rylee Spencer
1st grade teacher



Rayden DeLawter
2nd grade teacher



Laura Wellman
3rd grade teacher



Nathan Sliva
3rd grade teacher



Caitlin Vering
4th grade teacher



Angela Rhoden
Resource

OUR EMERSON TEAM

Emerson Elementary Certified Staff

Preschool	Ms. Darla Orender
Kindergarten	Mrs. Ashley Heisterkamp
Kindergarten	Mrs. Erin Reeves
First	Mrs. Rylee Spencer
First	Miss Tammy Lyon
Second	Mrs. Raydon DeLawter
Second	Mrs. Kristin Loosvelt
Second	Mrs. Kayla Heard
Third	Mr. Nathan Sliva
Third	Mrs. Laura Wellman
Fourth	Mrs. Jenni Schutt
Fourth	Mrs. Caitlin Vering
ELL	Mrs. Judy Dobbs
Music (M,F)	Mrs. Brianna Blunck
Music (W)	Miss Zaidya Hirschman
Resource	Mrs. Alicia Hoadley
Resource	Miss Anglea Rhoden
Speech	Mrs. Whitney Swanson
School Psych	Miss Shalee Pollard
Counselor	Mrs. Ginger Darveau
Reading	Mrs. Ann Peterson
PE	Mr. Josh Walls
Media	Mrs. Stephanie Luchsinger
Principal	Mrs. Angie Luebbe

Emerson Elementary Classified Staff

Para	Mrs. Denise Gilmore
Para	Miss Olivia Shoemaker
Para	Mr. Brian Dobbs
Para	Mrs. Ann Hardy
Para	Miss Macy Lenihan
Para	Mrs. Marlene Konsel
Para	Mrs. Shelly Beshaler
Para	Ms. Pamela Gehring
Para	Mrs. Maggie Hernandez
Para	Ms. Diana Miller
Para	Miss Samantha Lincoln
Para	Mrs. Anita Kershaw
Para	Mrs. Rosa Jacinto
Para	Mrs. Kara Moser
Media Para	Miss Kristin Jones
Secretary	Mrs. Jeanette Valdivia
Health Aide	Mrs. Lynn Liermann
Custodian	Mr. Dan Henggeler
Cook	Miss Julie Heiman
Cook	Miss Gloria Juarez

Counselor's Corner... Mrs. Darveau
darveaug@discoverers.org



It is exciting to start the school year!! This is my second year at Emerson and I love being a part of Emerson's amazing team of educators and staff. Emerson students were so welcoming last year and I can't wait to continue building relationships with our crusaders.

As the school counselor, one of the services I provide is individual or small group counseling. Some things we focus on are school adjustment, friendship and family issues, social skills, and behavior concerns.

Classroom lessons I teach will focus on subjects to help your student succeed in their academic goals, as well as support social and emotional growth. These classroom lessons provide students with skills to help them not only at school, but also throughout their life.

My job is to be an advocate for your child so they can have a successful and positive school experience. I am available to meet with parents to discuss any concerns you may have for your child. Please give me a call or email me (darveaug@discoverers.org) if I can do anything to help your child. I hope your child has a wonderful year and I look forward to meeting everyone!



Emerson Crusaders Physical Education Department



Dear Parents/Guardians,

My name is Josh Walls and I am your student's Physical Education teacher. This will be my 4th year of teaching. I am a graduate of Iowa State University where I received my B.S. in K-12 Physical Education and Health with a minor in Coaching. I am also the 7th grade assistant football coach. I am looking forward to providing your child with an exciting and rewarding physical education program. The P. E. classes will prove to be an integral phase in their physical and social development. I take pride in our program and am committed to giving the students the best instruction possible.

The aim of the physical education program at Emerson Elementary School is ***to develop and improve students' personal fitness and motor skills by providing developmentally appropriate activities through purposeful, creative, and enjoyable instruction.*** By incorporating challenging yet achievable tasks, the students will attain positive attitudes about physical activity and movement.

Your child's locomotor movement, manipulative skills, personal behavior, and fitness level will be monitored and assessed throughout the school year. Every child is expected to participate to the best of their ability each day they attend class. There are days however, when illness or injury may inhibit your child's ability to participate. If so, please send a note with your child, with a brief description regarding the nature of the restriction. If the condition restricts activity for more than 5 consecutive days, a doctor's note will be requested.

We are concerned about your child's safety and for that reason; we ask that they wear athletic or running type shoes. Shoes with heels, boots or sandals (such as crocs) make it difficult for children to participate safely. We strongly encourage students to wear socks with their shoes and girls that choose to wear dresses or skirts should wear shorts underneath their clothing.

If your child has any ongoing health concerns or restrictions that we need to be aware of, please send a detailed note with instructions for their class participation limitations.

I will be posting pictures/videos throughout the school year on our Emerson Crusader facebook page, be sure to check them out and see what fun things we have going on.

Thank you for your support, and I look forward to working with your child in the upcoming 2019-20 school year.

Mr. Walls
Physical Education Teacher
Emerson Elementary



Ms. Hirschman & Mrs. Blunck



Hello! Mrs. Blunck and I are your music staff at Emerson Elementary. It is our third year working together Emerson Elementary Schools. Both Mrs. Blunck and I are excited to get back into the school year with all of our students.

- Our Emerson concert will be in the spring this year on Tuesday April 14th.

¡Hola! La Sra. Blunck y yo somos las maestras de música de la Escuela Emerson. Es nuestro tercer año trabajando juntas en la Escuela Emerson. Tanto la Sra. Blunck y yo estamos emocionadas de regresar al año escolar con todos los alumnos

- Nuestro concierto de Emerson será en la primavera de este año el martes 14 de abril a las 7p.m. en el Teatro Nantkes.

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ATTENDANCE

Daily attendance is critical for student learning. When families have a positive morning routine, children come to school on time, ready to develop relationships, able to learn new concepts, and apply their knowledge. Students should arrive to school between 7:45 - 7:55. If students arrive after the bell has rung, they will need to be escorted into the building/office. School hours are from 8:00 - 3:25

and 8:00 - 2:15 on early release Wednesdays. Supervision before school begins at 7:45. Students arriving before 7:45 need to report to the gym for breakfast. Any arrival after 8:00 will result in a tardy and require a slip to enter into class.

Students are not allowed to stand outside without supervision. After school supervision is provided for ten minutes after dismissal. Please make arrangements to have your child(ren) picked up on time.

If your child is sick or will be missing school, please call the office at 402-563-7030. If you need to leave a message, please share the following information:

Your Name	Student's Name and Grade or Teacher
Date and Time	Reason for Absence
Your Phone Number	

If you would like homework collected, please let the office know. You may pick up homework in the office between 3:30 and 4:00.

Anytime you take your child out of school during the school day, you must come to the office and sign your child out. Your child will be called to the office when you arrive at school.

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MEAL TIME

If kindergarten through fourth grade students would like to eat breakfast at school, serving times are from 7:25 - 7:45 each morning. Students should enter through the east doors and go directly to the gym. These doors are heavy so little ones may need adult help until they get use to the routine. Students attending breakfast will stay in the gym area until 7:45 when there is adult supervision for morning line up. All Kindergarten through fourth grade students will line up on the east slab. Preschool will line up on the southwest front slab. We do not serve breakfast or lunch to preschool students. However, if adult family members and younger siblings want to join an Emerson student for lunch, they can call the office to set that up. Lunches will need to be purchased as commercial foods are not permitted in the lunchroom.

Reduced Breakfast: \$0.30
Reduced Lunch: \$0.40

Regular Breakfast: \$1.80
Regular Lunch: \$2.65

Adult Breakfast: \$2.15
Adult Lunch: \$3.70

We encourage you to pay for meals with a check; however, cash can be brought to the office where you can receive a receipt of payment. If students bring cash to school, we are not responsible for lost or stolen money. Free and Reduced lunch applications are available. Parents are encouraged to apply. **Last year's free & reduced status expires on October 1st so a new form is required each year.**



EMERSON SCHOOL PICTURES – Thursday, September 19th

A picture form with an attached envelope will be sent home with your child. If you wish to order school pictures: the envelope, with an enclosed check or cash, must be with your student on the day of pictures, Thursday September 19th, when the photographer is taking your student's picture. Checks will need to be made out to Interstate Studios. Each student will need to have their own envelope. You may also place your order online by following instructions on the order form.

EMERSON PTO

Please consider participating in our Emerson PTO. Meetings will be held quarterly. **The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17th at 5:00 in the Library.** The first meeting will focus on our bylaws, Title I services, budget, staff gifts and upcoming family events. Input is important and new ideas are always appreciated. The PTO is a wonderful support to our school and the events that take place. Active membership in the PTO is vital for us to continue offering all of our family events, reading celebrations, field trips and teacher gifts to purchase items for the classrooms/students.

SAFETY REMINDERS

Please do not pick up or drop off students in the west parking lot. We ask that parents do not park in the west parking lot as this is a designated staff parking area. **Please do not leave cars unattended in the fire lane.** Crosswalks should always be used, please do not walk through the driving lane and between cars.

Please dress students appropriately for school. We ask that students wear tennis shoes as they have PE daily.

REMINDERS AT EMERSON

As part of our district's technology integration plan, we will continue to have all kindergarten through fourth grade students will be issued their own ipad device for school use. Students continue to learn how to use different tools throughout the school year. Students continue to learn how to use grade level appropriate Apps such as: Pages, Keynote, iMovie, Numbers, GarageBand, Nearpod, ClassKick, i-Nigma, Canva, Pic Collage, Educreations, Chatterpix, TouchCast Studio, Popplet, Epic!, Dojo and Google Suite.

School Board Policy 508.13 includes the following statement, "All foods offered on the school campus will meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards and/or state nutrition standards." The Smart Snacks in Schools applies to celebrations such as student birthdays. **Due to this federal law and district policy, students are no longer allowed to bring food items to school when celebrating their birthday. In lieu of food items, students may bring party favors, pencils, erasers, etc. to share with classmates.**

Birthday party invitations should not be distributed at school unless they are given to all the boys and/or girls in the classroom. The school is not allowed to share student contact information, which includes home address and phone numbers. Gifts sent to students at school on birthdays or other occasions will be kept in the office and given to students at the end of the school day in order to minimize disruptions during instructional hours.

Parent Communication:

Most of our communication will be through phone messages, emails and our school website

<http://columbuspublicschools.org/emerson>. Parents, please do not hesitate to call or ask questions. The first few weeks of school can be exciting for us all.



EMERSON EXPECTATIONS

Emerson students are expected to Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible. Our students are taught these skills through our expectation stations in the areas of; classrooms, cafeteria, playground, hallways, entryways, sidewalks, bathroom, arrival and dismissal areas, gym, stairs and health office. These general expectations help provide the students with a common understanding of our school rules. We will explicitly teach and positively reinforce these expectations throughout the school year.

Area	Safe	Respectful	Responsible
Classrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Use all equipment and materials appropriately. *Sit in learning position. *Keep hands, feet and objects to self. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Use kind words and actions with everyone. *Raise your hand or speak when appropriate. *Follow adult's directions. *Wait your turn. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Take care of all personal belongings and school equipment. *Be prepared for class. *Be honest. *Report problems to an adult. *Clean up after yourself.
Cafeteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Sit with feet on floor, bottom on bench, and face the table. *Get adult help for spills. *Raise your hand to get an adult's attention. *Keep all food to self. *Line up calmly and patiently. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Allow anyone to sit next to you at the table. *Use a quiet voice and be calm in line and at the table. *Thank serving staff. *Use table manners. *Wait to be dismissed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Get all utensils, milk, etc., when first going through the breakfast/lunch line. *Set coat down carefully. *Pay attention as you go through the serving line. *Clean up after yourself.
Playground Recess	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Walk to and from the playground. *No play fighting or play weapons. *Be aware of activities and games around you. *Stay within boundaries. *Keep sticks, rocks, and snow on the ground. *Follow playground equipment rules. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Follow game rules. *Include everyone. *Be a good sport. *Play fairly. *Be quiet and calm in line. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Return equipment to its proper place. *Line up quickly and quietly. *Get permission to go inside to use the restroom. *Immediately report problems to an adult on duty.
Halls Entryways Sidewalks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Stay on the right side. *Allow others to pass. *Keep hands, feet and objects to self. *Stay two blocks from wall. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Hold the door open for others. *Be quiet. *Follow adult directions. *Always walk. *Honor work/property of others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Take the shortest route to your destination. *Stay on sidewalks. *Avoid parking lots.
Bathrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Keep feet on floor. *Keep water in the sink. *Wash hands with soap. *Put toilet paper in toilet and paper towels in trash. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Honor others' privacy. *Take care of the space and report concerns to an adult. *Pay attention to line. *Patiently wait for your turn. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Ask adult for permission to use bathroom. *Flush it, zip it, wash it, dry it and dunk it! *Return to class quickly.
Arrival and Dismissal Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Use sidewalks and crosswalks. *Walk and park bikes. *Wait in designated areas. *Keeps hands, feet and objects to self. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Wait patiently and calmly. *Use a quiet voice. *Follow adult directions. *Use kind words and actions with everyone. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Arrive on time. *Leave on time. *Get adult permission to use the phone. *Hold bookbags carefully.
Special Events Assemblies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Enter and exit in an orderly manner. *Keep hands and feet to self. *Carry chairs on the back with legs down. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Be respectful listeners. *Follow directions immediately. *Respond appropriately. *Cheer when appropriate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Wait for instructions. *Sit quietly on pockets. *Show Crusader pride.
Gym	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Enter and exit in an orderly manner. *Keep tennis shoes tied. *Follow equipment rules. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Always demonstrate good sportsmanship. *Follow directions immediately. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Keep hands and feet to self. *Wear tennis shoes. *Put equipment away.
Stairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Walk up and down one stair at a time. *Stay on the right side. *Keep hands and feet to self. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Be quiet and calm in line. *Follow adult directions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Return to class quickly. *Report concerns immediately.
Health Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Enter through correct door. *Report injuries. *Comply with instructions. *Return to class as directed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Seek permission only when absolutely necessary. *Wait patiently and calmly. *Use a quiet voice. *Follow adult directions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Get adult permission. *Walk carefully and calmly to health office. *Follow care plan. *Report concerns immediately.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Emerson has an amazing After School Program, which runs after school to 6:00 pm (6:15 pm on Wednesday). Our program supports the instructional day with homework support, peer helpers, reading buddies, computer skills and reading time. Our program also offers a variety of activity choices and clubs. If you are interested in enrolling your child in the Columbus After School Program, please call Stacey at 402-563-4901 or stop by their office located at 2715 13 th Street, Columbus, NE 68601. The after school program is supported in part by 21 st CCLC grant program which is Federal funds under Title IV, Part B of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended. Fees are based on free/reduced/paid lunch status.

It is important to notify the After School Program at 402-276-6427, when your child will be absent from the program. This includes if your child leaves school due to illness.



CPS ACTIVITY CARDS

Parents and elementary students may purchase an activity card to attend home athletic & theater events. You may purchase activity cards at the High School office or any home athletic event. Student activity cards cost \$25. Adult activity cards cost \$100.

We are always thrilled to have "Little Discoverers" come to CHS sporting events. We expect all attendees to respect the game or activity, support participants, coaches & officials and model appropriate behavior. Just a reminder that students need to sit with parents or the adult who brought them. No students are allowed to run around unsupervised. They are not allowed to bring any type of balls to events.

Title I Notification

Emerson Elementary School is a school-wide Title building and as such, receives Title 1 funds. Emerson Elementary employs certified teachers and para educators who meet the "highly qualified" requirements of both the federal No Child Left Behind and Nebraska's Rule 10. Parents may request information regarding the qualifications of their child's teacher(s). This information is available at the Columbus Public Schools' Administration Office.

Research and common sense tells us that quality teaching is the single most important factor in helping students learn. Columbus Public Schools is committed to recruiting and employing caring and competent school staff.

COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS MISSION STATEMENT

Engaging All Learners to Achieve Success

Vision:

Committed to maintaining a clear and shared focus on student learning.

Committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for learning and teaching.

Committed to a high level of communication, trust, support, and accountability with all stakeholders.

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