

Emerson Falcon News

EMERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Falcon Parents, Guardians, and Friends,

I want to take a moment to thank each one of you for trusting Emerson with your students. They have worked so hard this year and have learned so much. It has been a pleasure getting to know each one of them. This has been my first year at Emerson and I thank you for welcoming me with open arms. Emerson Elementary School is the best school ever!

Summer reading is very important in order to prevent the "summer slide" where reading levels decrease due to limited to no reading practice. Our district offers a Summer Reading Challenge to encourage students to read books and take Accelerated Reader quizzes throughout the summer.

Awards and prizes may be earned. Emerson is also going to be opening the library twice a week on the following days: July 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, Aug. 1, 6, 8, 13, and 15. More information about the Summer Reading Challenge and the open library times will be sent home before the end of the year.

In order to keep encouraging our students to read, Emerson is hosting a Buy One, Get One Free book sale June 10-14. Students may purchase books during their library time and before and after school.

As many of you are aware, our Summer School program will be held at Lowell this year. Invitations have been sent out and class lists have been created. If you have questions about summer school, please call the school office at 425-385-6200.

As always, attendance at school is EXTREMELY important, even at the end of the year. Many of our students are missing many days and these days add up and impact their education. Please make sure your student is coming to school daily and on time. We need and want each one of them here every day!

If you have any questions or concerns, I would love to talk with you about them. Please call, email, or stop by the office so we may talk.

Thank you again for an amazing year. Your students are wonderful.

Dawn Weddle, Principal

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June 5th

Innovation Expo 5-8pm

Angels of Winds Arena

June 7th

Early Release 1:00

June 17th

5th Grade Bridging

5:30-7:30 Gym

June 18th

Kindergarten graduation

2:30-3:00pm Cafeteria

June 21st

Last Day of school

3:30 Release

Why is Reading with Your Kids so Important?

If you are reading this article...chances are that you already know the endless benefits of *Reading with your kids*. Studies show that early reading with your kids helps them learn to speak, interact, bond with you and read early themselves. The more reading kids do, the more quickly they will develop as readers. It is often recommended that parents spend at least 15- or 20-minutes reading with their kids each day. Reading with Your Kids strengthens the natural bond you share and will enable you to connect with what is important to your lives.

The importance of reading cannot be emphasized enough in young children and we as educators and parents need to make reading a priority all through the school year, **INCLUDING SUMMER**.

Here are some benefits that highlights the importance of reading.

5 Reasons Why Reading with Your Kids is Important:

1. *It Strengthens Relationship with your Kids*

Did you know? If you read together for 20 minutes a day, 7 days a week, you get more than 121 hours of bonding time with your kids every year. It not only allows parent and child to develop life long bonds but also helps your child feel close to you, and the feelings of love and attention encourage positive growth and development.

2. *Reading Provides New Experiences for Kids*

Through reading children learn about people, places, and events outside of their own experience. Kids experience these new situations through books before they encounter them in real life.

3. *Reading Improves Vocabulary and Communication Skills*

Reading exposes kids to increased vocabulary and advanced speech patterns. It also helps kids to absorb information on how to form sentences and how to use words effectively in their writing and speaking - helping them develop better communication skills.

4. *Reading with Your Kids helps improve their Concentration*

Story time helps reward kids for focusing. Kids sit still and quietly so that they can focus on the story when they are reading, helping them develop longer attention spans.

5. *Reading helps Kids Develop a Life Long LOVE of Reading*

By cuddling together with a book your child learns that Reading is FUN and that they are the most important thing in your life.

Celebrate the LOVE of reading everyday. Now, go grab a good book and start reading with your kids!

Aleta Smoot, Assistant Principal

Counselors Corner

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The counselors will be teaching (3), 30-minute lesson about personal safety to your first grader. The curriculum is district mandated and it's called *Talk About Touching* developed by Committee for Children. This program teaches children skills that will help keep them safe from dangerous or abusive situations.

The curriculum is divided into two main topics: Personal Safety and Touching Safety. Language and materials used are child appropriate. Anatomically correct names for private body parts will not be used. We will use language such as "private body parts are covered by your swimsuit".

Key components of the program are:

- The Touching Rule: No one should touch your private body parts except to keep you clean and healthy.
- The Safety Steps: (1) Say words that mean No; (2) Get away; and (3) Report to an adult.
- It's never the child's fault if someone breaks the Touching Rule.
- Never keep secrets about touching.
- It's never too late to report a safety or touching problem.

Your support and involvement around these important topics would be greatly appreciated. We encourage you to have discussions with your child and to continue to have them practice these skills at home.

Thank you for being a partner in teaching safety to your child. We recognize that Touching Safety is a sensitive topic, so please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Miranda Mahorney and

Hannah Sands




School Counselors

Emerson Elementary

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From PE
Gary Niegemann

MAY STRIKING

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Quality Daily Physical Education	<i>Play a balloon volleyball game over a piece of furniture.</i>	F ind a rubber ball & see how many times you can strike it off a wall using either hand.	W ork on your soccer ball handling skills in a yard or park. 	P ractise dribbling a ball around the block. Always keep the ball close to you.	<i>Create a striking game using a palm & a wadded-up paper ball.</i>	P retend you are a hockey goalie. Have someone attempt to score on you using a Nerf™ or a wadded-up paper ball.
S ee if you & a partner can make 10 consecutive alternating hits with a balloon using: Hands, Thighs, Feet.	H ow many times in a row can you bounce a small ball with your right hand? Left hand?	P ick a target on a wall. How many times out of 10 can you strike a ball into this area?	I n an open field see HOW FAR you can strike a ball with a bat, racquet, foot or hand.	J og with a partner. Partner 1, in front, throws a ball overhead to partner 2, behind. Partner 2 catches, runs in front & repeats.	H ave a family "heading" contest. See who can bounce a balloon off his or her head the most times in a row.	L ie on your back. Have a family member drop a ball or balloon & practice sending it back with hands or feet.
P lace an empty plastic drink bottle 1' from a wall. Can you knock it over by throwing or kicking?	P lay push-up tag. Face a partner in a push-up position and see who can strike the other person's hand 10 times first.	I n an open space, play a "pepper" batting game where the pitcher tosses to the batter, who taps it right back.	<i>Wrap a nylon stocking around a rebar & practice striking a wadded paper ball upward.</i>	C reate a home bowling game using empty milk cartons for pins & a rolled-up sock for a ball.	P lay a game of consecutive completions. 2 people pass to each other while 2 more try to intercept. Dropped balls equals a change of possession.	W ork on striking a ball to a partner who is on the move.
<i>Practice striking a rebounding ball off an (outdoor) wall. How many rebounds can you hit in a row?</i>	W ork on a cross-over dribble using rapid hand-to-hand dribbling.	F ind a balloon & practice striking it on the following body parts, in order: head, shoulder, chest, thigh, foot. Repeat.	T alk a family member into guarding you while you dribble a ball with hands and feet.	P ractise striking a balloon or Nerf™ ball right above your hairline continuously.	P lay a softball game. Do not strike out.	<i>Outdoors, work on stationary and running approach kicks. What makes the ball go further?</i>
P artner 1 stands with palms open just above the shoulders. Partner 2, a small ball in each hand, throws the right ball to #1's right hand & the left to #1's left hand. Reverse. Speed up.	A lternate striking a ball off a wall to a partner 10 feet away. Try to guess where the rebound will take place.	P ractise dribbling a soft ball slowly through the house without letting it touch a wall.	F ace a partner in a sit-up position. Partner 1 lies back, touches a ball to the floor, raises up, passes ball to partner 2 & completes a second sit-up before receiving it.		"Every Child Deserves Planned, Purposeful P.E."	

From Technology

What an amazing time Falcons had at STEAM Night on May 20th. Kids participated in building and designing, hands-on math manipulative activities, robotics demonstrations and eating approximately 400 hot dogs and rootbeer floats. Thank you, families, for supporting our evening events! It was an incredible opportunity for our kids to experience the pure joy that learning can offer.

Katherine Haakenstad

From the Library

Thanks for all the BOX TOPS! We have earned over \$500! Big changes are coming to the Box Tops for Education Program, and you're the first to know! Over the summer, you'll begin to see some participating brands change their packaging from the traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label. Going forward, instead of clipping from packages and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt. The Box Tops for Education team is hard at work building a NEW-and-improved, user-friendly Box Tops mobile app that will be ready this summer. The new app will feature state-of-the-art technology that allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online. As we mentioned above, some brands have already started to update their packaging in advance. Until the new app launches, if you see the new Box Tops label on packages, you can use the current Box Tops Bonus App to earn Box Tops for that product. Simply download the app, select the bonus offer for the product you've purchased and scan your receipt to earn. If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, be sure to send them to the library. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Thanks for helping our school get more books! **–Maggie Doud**

When does school end this year?

June 21 will be the last day of school and it is a full day with a regular dismissal time.

Reminder: Friday, June 7, students will be released 2.5 hours early and Friday, June 14, students will be released 75 minutes early.

SBA scores are coming soon

Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) scores will be available for all families and students this summer in the online Home Access Center (HAC). Families will also receive a hard copy in September. Find tools for parents to understand those SBA scores on the [district assessment website](#).

How do I get the test scores?

[Instructions are online](#). If you don't have an account or have questions, contact LMS@everettsd.org.

Stuff the Bus is coming!

With the support of our generous community, the Everett Public Schools Foundation is hosting its 10th annual Stuff the Bus for Kids school supply drive. Last year the Foundation delivered over 1,900 backpacks to students. This year they have requests for over 1,800 backpacks filled with school supplies. Look for collection bins at local businesses during the month of August and look for big yellow Durham school buses parked outside Fred Meyer in Mill Creek and QFC on Evergreen Way Aug. 16-18.



URGENT NEED: The Foundation needs 700 high school backpacks. To purchase and donate a backpack and other preassembled schools supply kits, they have partnered with [Supply All Kids](#), or you can contact Kirsten Hansen at khansen@everettsd.org.

Vaccinations for next year

Now is the time to plan for the vaccinations your child will need before he or she enrolls next fall. We encourage you to obtain these vaccinations this school year and report them to the school nurse or office staff at your child's school. We'll track that information in the school database, which will help you avoid getting calls and overdue letters in the fall.

Do you have a personal exemption for Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)? That exemption may not be valid for next school year due to a new state law. Learn more on the [Washington State Department of Health's website](#).

Summer school registration is open!

[Registration materials are now online](#). Summer programs for high school students include opportunities to strengthen the skills and knowledge required for the district core expectations, repeat courses, extend their interests in academic areas, and take new courses. Tuition-based summer programs are offered for students through Online High School and at Cascade High School. Elementary and middle school summer programs are available for specific students who need academic support.

Summer Reading Program

Everett Public Schools looks forward to another successful year of its summer reading program. We are partnering with Everett Public Library and Sno-Isle Libraries again this year. Watch your school's website for details about this summer's reading program. Students will receive incentives for reaching their reading goals, and schools that have at least 75 percent of their students reach their reading goals will be recognized by the district.



School supply lists

Looking to get a jump start on next year's school supplies this summer? You can find the school supply list on your school's website under *Our School* around the last week of school.

Summer meals

Did you know that many children qualify to receive free summer meals thanks to a federal grant? Summer meals are available July 8 through Aug. 15 at select locations and times. Find more details on the [Food and Nutrition Department website](#)



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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Title IX Officer/Civil Rights Compliance Officer – Mary O'Brien, MO'Brien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
- ADA Coordinator – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213

A VACATION FOR YOUR IMAGINATION!



Millie Emmerson, Silver Firs ES winner