



December 2017 Newsletter

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DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

- 12/5 ~ Family Movie Night @ 5:30 in the gym
- 12/6 ~ Early Dismissal @ 2:15
- 12/13 ~ Early Dismissal @ 2:15
- 12/19 ~ Stu. Co. Meeting @ 3:30
- 12/20 ~ Early Dismissal @ 2:15
- 12/22 ~ Full Day of School
- 12/23 - 1/1 ~ Winter Break
- 1/2/18 ~ School Resumes



STUDENT RECOGNITIONS



Emerson Fundraiser - Top Seller



Fas-Break 1st Quarter Award

CHS STUDENT ATHLETES VISIT EMERSON

CHS teacher and coach Mr. Clark brought three student athletes to Emerson's November assembly. Mr. Clark emphasized an important message of belief, perseverance and work ethic.

Belief - Whether you think you can or can't, you're right!

Perseverance - If at first you don't succeed, try, try again!

Work Ethic - Dreams don't work unless you do!



COUNSELOR'S CORNER...Mrs. Petersen petersenw@discoverers.org

Students spent the most of the first quarter learning about positive learning attitude and growth mindset during my counselor lessons. In a growth mindset, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work—brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment.

Here are five quick things parents can do to help develop a growth mindset in kids:

1. **Ask open-ended questions to solve a problem or achieve a goal.** "What do you think will happen if..." or "Why do you suppose..." These questions build logical thinking skills and often lead to rich discovery.
2. **Use specific feedback that identifies what the child accomplished.** Be supportive when your child attempts something new. It might not be the way you'd try to solve a problem, but if it works, acknowledge it without judgment. Pick your battles. Skills that build persistence simultaneously allow children to feel confidence and independence. When frustration rears its head, offer an encouraging word about what steps worked well.
3. **Encourage kids to take a risk.** Watch and listen to your child so you can take cues about new things they are ready to try. When we gently nudge kids to use what they know to try something just a bit out of their reach, but yet developmentally appropriate, confidence and persistence emerge .
4. **Be persistent and growth-orientated yourself.** Talk to your kids about trying something new or frustrating. Your child may even be able to offer some helpful tips. This allows children to see we all have to work hard to solve problems and we all continue to learn new things.
5. **Don't sweat the small stuff.** Accidents, and mistakes happen. Show your child that there's something to be learned when we don't achieve what we set out to accomplish. Maybe someone else lends a hand. Maybe you return to the task at another time. Maybe it's best to take a break for a while or break things down into smaller steps. Be specific about what worked, identify the emotions involved, and offer encouragement for the next time.



COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS MISSION STATEMENT

Engaging All Learners to Achieve Success

We will continuously and passionately strive to be a high performing **Learning Community** that will effectively meet the unique learning needs of each and every student. To attain this Vision we are:

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.

ATTENDANCE GOAL

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. If students do not come to school early to eat breakfast, they should arrive to school between 7:45 - 7:55. The morning bell rings at 7:55 to allow the students five minutes to enter the building and transition into their classrooms before attendance is taken at 8:00. School hours are from 8:00 - 3:25 and 8:00 - 2:15 on early release Wednesdays. Each classroom is working on our PERFECT PUNCTUALITY goal. Every day that a classroom has every student attend and arrive on time, the class gets one step closer to their goal of achieving their perfect punctuality goal. Once the goal has been met, the teacher will celebrate with their class and they will begin their goal again. Students have the opportunity to reach this goal every 18 days of school.



Weekly Celebrations

Emerson students are expected to be safe, respectful, and responsible at all times. This year we are focusing our weekly celebration on a variety of skills that support these expectations. Our weekly skills are: Greeting others, using appropriate tone of voice, following directions, getting the teacher's attention, asking permission, I can make good choices even if I'm upset, asking for help, staying on task, listening, accepting compliments, accepting criticism or consequences, I can be okay even when others are not okay, accepting NO for an answer, disagreeing appropriately, working with others, sharing something, having a conversation, I can do something even if I don't want to, accountability - being responsible for our behaviors and making an apology, and grace - accepting others and giving others what they need not what they deserve.

Each week, students will learn about one skill and have opportunities to practice the skills. One student from each classroom is recognized for authentically demonstrating the skill. These students are announced during our weekly celebrations and receive a certificate to take home.

Week 6: I Can Make Good Choices Even If I Am Upset ~ Noah Levos, Yoni Gonzalez-Mercado, Avery Christie, Lilian Portillo, Laynee Kracman, Mario Madrigal-Ambriz, Jathan Clifford, Leacadia Sonnleitner, Nicolas Chavez-Solares, Eris Leal-Piker, Derik Jimenez-Maeda, Landyn Bruce-Bruton

Week 7: Appropriately Asking For Help ~ Donnie Rivera, Jesus Ramero, Cree Ash, Christian Escobar, Marley Warnick, Emma Salmeron, Joelsyn Guerrero, Abbie Schable, Ernesto Ramirez-Ferro, Dyllin Kennedy, Karisma Martinez, Luis Garcia-Hernandez

Week 8: Staying On Task ~ Niles Earley, Nicolas Naranjo, Alfredo Rolon, Jade Slizoski, Isaac Parra, Claire Nolet, Alejandra Santos, Eduardo Alvarez-Gonzalez, Sachy Rodriguez-Rodriguez, Carlos Baro, Nataly Rodriguez-Espino, Alexa Garcia

Week 9: Listening ~ Ivy Navas, Alex Rosas, Owyn Gunderson, Kamden Fajman, Nora Paczosa, Kevin Basulto, Junior Maldonado, Yazmin Mendoza, Allie Anderson, Peyton Nadrchal, Gabriel Torres, Cristian Lopez-Morales

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Kindergarten through fourth grade students will begin their tumbling unit in PE on December 4th. Students will need to wear clean socks every day. Girls are reminded that they should not wear headbands, bracelets, necklaces or dangling earrings during tumbling. Students need to wear appropriate clothing during this unit so they are comfortable and able to move freely. Shirts need to be able to be tucked in and shorts need to be worn under dresses.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Please join us for an Emerson Family Movie Night on Tuesday, December 5th from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Students must be accompanied by an adult family member. Please enter the school through the North Gym Doors. Families are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chairs for your viewing comfort. Emerson will provide popcorn but families are welcome to bring their own drinks and snacks.

SAFETY REMINDERS

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. Although after school pick-up typically only takes 10 - 15 minutes, we would greatly appreciate it if cars would pull forward as allowed rather than staying in one spot along the fire lane. We also encourage parents to enter the south parking lot through the driving lane rather than sitting in the street blocking traffic and cars that are trying to pull out from the curb.



Weather Reminders



Please consider Nebraska winter weather when sending students to school. Our classrooms vary in temperature so layers are best. Students go out for recess when the outside temperature is ten degrees or warmer. Winter coats, hats and gloves will help our students stay warm and be safe. Students must have snow boots if they want to play in the snow. These snow boots cannot be worn in the classroom so a change of shoes is required.

MEAL TIME

Reduced Breakfast: \$0.30

Regular Breakfast: \$1.80

Adult Breakfast: \$2.15

Reduced Lunch: \$0.40

Regular Lunch: \$2.55

Adult Lunch: \$3.60

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.

