

Emerson Elementary School

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Dear Emerson Families,

We are off to a great start this year. Students seem very glad to be back at school and our newest Tigers are making a great transition to their new school. One of the things that we are frequently asked about is our homework policy. Homework can be a controversial issue with many parents wanting a great deal, and other parents who wish to minimize its impact on their family's busy schedule. We look toward research to determine the most effective decision regarding homework policy. The best thing students can do at home to support their learning is to read, read, read. *At least* 20 minutes a day is what we hope for them to accomplish at home. Working on math fact acquisition is another important skill for students to learn. If you have concerns about how much homework your child receives, please contact the teacher to discuss options.

I am also noticing a few students having some difficulty with their transition to a new teacher, or to the school as new students. This is a normal time of difficulty that happens every year. Last year's teacher may have been a favorite and they miss them. Their friends from a previous school are far away and it is difficult to make new friends. Please let us know if your child is experiencing any transition frustrations and let them know it can be a normal part of starting the year.

We look forward to seeing you later this month at conferences.

Sincerely,

Craig Church



Pumpkin Carving

Oct. 28, 2019, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Emerson Gym

Dia de Los Muertos Family Night

Nov. 1, 2019, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Emerson Gym



Safety Issues



- Please drop off and pick up students at the curb or one of the corners where patrols are located. Using the driveway when buses are dropping off and picking up make for a dangerous start and end to the day.
- For the safety of our students and staff, we ask that all visitors to our building please report to the office to check in. Our school has implemented a new SafeVisitors Solutions check-in/check-out and volunteer registration system. When entering our building, all adult visitors will be required to provide a Washington state driver's license or other photo ID. <https://secure.safevisitorsolutions.com/Safe/Volunteer/snohomish/volunteer>
- Any visitor wishing to deliver a forgotten lunch, treats or items to a student are encouraged to leave the item at the office.

Fall Conferences

Fall Conferences will take place the week of October 21-24. Notifications about your scheduled conference time will be coming home with your child on Oct. 12. Please e-mail or phone your child's teacher to reschedule. Students attend school all day Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 21-22, and half day (dismissal at 11:45am) on Wednesday, Oct. 23. There is no school on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 24-25. We hope to meet with a parent or guardian of every student at Emerson!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
School Hours M-Th. 8:35-3:15 Fri. 8:35-1:15		1	2	3	4 7:30 Dudes & Donuts 8:45 Assembly	5
6	7 CEC Business Mtg., 3:30	8	9 El Paraiso Fundraiser, 4-8 	10	11 8:45 Assembly	12
13	14 	15	16 6:00 Panther Pal Meet Up SHS Cafeteria	17 10:17 Earthquake Shakeout Drill	18 8:45 Assembly	19
20	21 PM Conferences	22	23 11:45 Early Release PM Conferences	24 Non-Student Day Conferences	25 Non-Student Day School Closed	26
27	28 Pumpkin Carving 6:30-8:00 p.m. 	29	30 Picture Re-Take Day 	31 Halloween Storybook Character Dress Up Day 	Upcoming Dates: Nov. 1 Dia de los Muertos Family Night, 6:30 p.m. Nov. 11 Veterans Day Holiday, No School Nov. 15 Veterans Day Assembly, 8:45 a.m. Nov. 27 Grandparents' Day, 11:45 Dismissal Nov. 28-29 Thanksgiving, No School	


Scholastic Book Fair


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