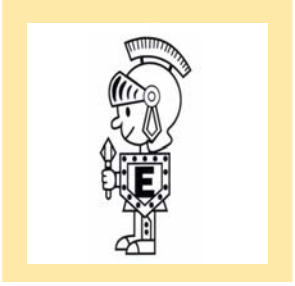




The Crusader

OCTOBER 2007

Emerson Elementary School, 2410 20 St., Columbus, NE 68601, 402-563-7030



“You never know when you might get a surprise!”

This phrase is one that I’ve been using quite a lot over the past month. As part of our positive behavior support efforts here at Emerson, our custodians and I have been presenting the “GOLDEN BROOM” award to classrooms that are responsible and show their respect by cleaning up after themselves. Congratulations to students of the following classrooms: Miss Lyon, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Wilcox, Mrs. Hempstead, Miss Mancuso.

Our first drawing of Crusader Coupons included these students: Rene Cerna, Paul Hernandez, Wendy Castillo, Monseratt Tadeo-Barraga, Mack Nelson, Lexi Hajek, Curtis Brockhaus, Colton Kowalski, Carter Woehlck, Denilson Diaz and Ross Makavicka. They were cited for being safe, respectful, and responsible – and ended up with a pencil and prize for a fun surprise.

The final item that needs to be celebrated is the fact that Mrs. Wilcox’s Third Graders were the school’s class with the highest fundraising totals. I sure helped that the individual “Top Seller” is in her class. **Brandon Olson** and his parents will be honored with a dinner at Valentino’s for their sales efforts. The Emerson staff and PTO appreciate everyone who participated. The last surprise will be the pig races held later this month. Have a SAFE Halloween!

Mr. Bartels
Principal

<p>Dates To Remember</p> <p>Oct. 4 – Children’s Theater at the HS</p> <p>Oct. 8 and 22 and 29 – Student Council 3:15-4pm</p> <p>Oct. 9 – Picture Retakes PTO at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Oct. 10 – Student Health Checks</p> <p>Oct. 11 – Quizno’s Fundraiser-10% of sales, 5 to close. Junior Fire Patrol Parade 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Oct. 12 – End of 1st Quarter</p> <p>Oct. 15 – Teacher Inservice NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Oct. 25 & 26 – NO SCHOOL</p>
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Nurse’s News

Health screenings for Emerson students will be held on October 11. School health screening includes vision testing, hearing testing, and dental screening. At the elementary level, the grades participating in the health screening will include kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades. Students in the 4th and 5th grade will be tested if there is a concern and a request is received from the child’s teacher or parent/guardian.

The Student Health Fund is a fund set up through the United Way to assist with medical, dental, and vision expenses for school age students in Platte County. There are no forms to complete and all information is kept confidential. The Student Health Fund can help financially with such things as dental, medical, and eye examinations and treatment and with glasses if prescribed.

Please contact the school health office or myself if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s health, the upcoming health screening, or the Student Health Fund.

Janelle Ryan RN
Supervisor of Elementary Health Services

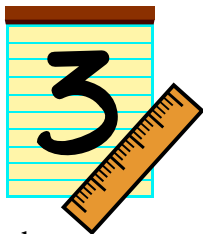
Counselor's Corner... Mrs. Petersen

It has been fun to see students settling into a new grade, new class, and the new routines of the school year.

I serve as the school counselor at Emerson, Lost Creek, and North Park Schools. I provide individual and small group counseling to address issues including school adjustment, friendship and family issues, social skills, and behavior concerns.

Feel free to contact me with concerns or developmental questions you have regarding your child. We can discuss strategies, I can share relevant information, or I can refer you to community resources that are available to help.

Let me know if there is anything I can do for your child to have a great year. Please give me a call at school or email me to set up an appointment. wpeterse@esu7.org



Third Grade News

Third grade is off to a great start! We have great expectations for all the students and the learning that will happen this year.

We'd like to welcome our student teacher Mrs. Carolyn Hofferber. Mrs. Hofferber's student teaching experience is being divided between Mrs. Stevens' third grade and Mrs. Braun's fifth grade class. We are enjoying her time with us and thank her for her contribution to educating our youth.

Students are improving their independent skills through managing their assignments, daily planners and using their time wisely. These management skills give them confidence along with positive feelings of accomplishment and success.

A big thank-you to parents for reinforcing the math at home by checking their math homework and giving them their timed fact test when required. Please continue to check and sign their math.

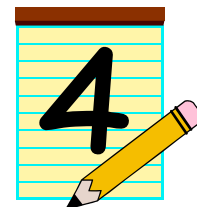
Research shows that students who read twenty minutes every night improve their reading ability. Twenty minutes of reading per night is an investment that provides your child with endless

possibilities. We encourage the students to read anything that they enjoy thus developing a love for reading and a life long skill.

We look forward to a super year. As always if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call or talk to either teacher.

Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Wilcox

Fourth Grade News



Fourth graders are getting into gear as we round up the final weeks of the 1st quarter. Only three weeks are left for students to make their Accelerated Reader goal of 8 points. Please encourage your child to read daily for at least 20 minutes. Our goal is that we have strong readers that will produce excellent writers. Student writing will be expected only in cursive now with a few exceptions. We also expect fourth graders to follow all of Emerson school rules at all times with no exceptions. With your support, you can help your child have a successful learning experience.

Revvin' it up,
Mrs. Gascon and Mrs. Hempstead

Hello from 5th grade!



We would like to congratulate the students who will be 5th grade student council representatives this year: from 5B, Melissa Godoy, Paige Medinger, and AnnaLee Kuehler, and from 5M, Haley Alt, Noah Augustine, and Monica Weber. Serving as president this year will be Haley Alt. AnnaLee Kuehler will be vice-president. All students did a wonderful job on their campaign posters and speeches. We are very proud of them!

MAPS testing is completed for the fall. Hooray! Now we will use that information to set goals for the year. Every student will chose an area in which he/she would like to improve and design an action plan to reach that goal.

We look forward to working with you to make this a very successful school year for your child. Please call us at school if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Braun and Miss Mancuso